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Iraq recaptures strategic peak

BAGHDAD, June 17. (Agencies): Iraq said its troops recaptured a strategic peak from Iranian forces yesterday, two days after it reported retaking five heights elsewhere in the northern mountains.

Spokesman Abdul Jaha Muhisen, of the Defence Ministry said that the Iraqi First Army Corps recaptured the strategic mountain top of Ahmad Roumy in a major offensive launched yesterday.

The mountain, more than 2,000 metres (6,500 feet) high, overlooks an entire Iraqi valley. It is about 40 km (25 miles) northeast of Sulaimaniyah, Iraq's largest northern city and the provincial capital of the Kurdish region. The mountain is about seven kilometres (4.2 miles) from the Iraq-Iran border.

The Ahmad Roumy peak was captured with the adjacent town of Mawet by the Iranians in fierce fighting last summer.

Iraqi anti-aircraft gunners shot down an Iranian helicopter gunship in the northern sector of the warfront today, a military spokesman said.

In Manama, US military officials said that a specially-built Dutch cargo ship is in Gulf waters to carry the mine-damaged US Navy frigate Samuel Roberts back to the United States later this month.

The Mighty Servant 2, a 25,743-ton "semi-submersible" cargo ship, was escorted into the Gulf on June 14 and went to Dubai.

European soccer

MUNICH, June 17. (Reuters): West Germany beat Spain 2-0 in their final European championship Group One tie today to qualify for the semifinals.

In another match, in Cologne, Italy beat Denmark 2-0 today to qualify for the semifinals.

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Ahmadi: 41°C (106°F)
Fulakia: 39°C (102°F)
Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 36°C (97°F)
Ahmadi: 31°C (88°F)
Fulakia: 32°C (90°F)
Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)
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Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 31 percent
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Fulakia: 32 percent
Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 33 percent
Ahmadi: 30 percent
Fulakia: 34 percent

Shultz, Shevardnadze to hold talks on Mideast conference

PLO is ready to recognise Israel

WASHINGTON, June 17. (Agencies): The chief spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Bassam Abu Sharif, has been quoted as saying that the PLO is willing to recognise Israel and accept a two-state solution.

In an interview with the Washington Times newspaper, he described his statement as a "breakthrough" and noted that it was circulated originally as a PLO position paper during the Arab summit meeting in Algiers.

"The PLO is ready to abide by the outcome and step aside for any 'alternative' leadership should the Palestinian people choose one."

Salvation

"The PLO will do this because its raison d'être is not the undoing of Israel, but the salvation of the Palestinian people and their rights... Our ultimate aim being a free, dignified, and secure life not only for our children but also for the children of the Israelis."

A Kuwaiti daily said yesterday that a meeting will take place next month between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Shultz for setting up the mechanism for a proposed international Mideast peace conference.

The daily quoted diplomatic sources in Amman, Jordan, as saying that they derived their information from contents of a message sent recently to King Hussein in London by the Soviet leadership.

The meeting between Shultz and Shevardnadze in mid-July will focus on reviewing the Mideast issue and basics of a settlement in the light of the agreement reached at the Moscow summit and other earlier contacts.

Conditions

The sources indicated that conditions of convening the conference are based on recognition of Security Council resolution 242 and condemnation of all forms of terrorism.

The Soviet message to Hussein, according to the diplomatic sources, made note of a US-Soviet understanding that the conference will not have powers to impose resolutions, that the permanent members of the UN Security Council will act to create a positive atmosphere for the negotiations to proceed and they can either collectively or individually offer suggestions or advice.

Invitations for participation in the conference will be extended by the United Nations secretary-general, they said.

The Shultz-Shevardnadze meeting will prove decisive and will lead to setting up of the

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Khomeini alive: Iranian official

NEW YORK, June 17. (Agencies): An Iranian government official denied rumours broadcast by British commercial television yesterday that Ayatollah Khomeini had died.

The press spokesman for the



A Palestinian receives treatment in a Nablus hospital after he was shot during disturbances in Beit Furik.

(Reuters wirephoto)

One more killed in West Bank clash

BEIT FURIK, West Bank, June 17. (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian and wounded 21 others today during a clash in a West Bank village after the soldiers destroyed a resident's house, the Army and hospital sources said.

Two Israeli officers were slightly hurt by stones during the incident in Beit Furik village near Nablus, the Army said.

Residents said about 50 other Palestinians were injured by tear gas and rubber bullets and 10 soldiers were hurt in stone and petrol bomb attacks.

Soldiers entered the village before dawn to destroy the home of Ahmed Abu Said Hanani, implicated in the murders of Israeli civilians and former Nablus mayor Zefer Al Masri in 1986, an Army spokesman said.

Fatality

The force found the village closed by roadblocks and it was attacked by rioters throwing bottles, cinder blocks and stones," the spokesman said.

Troops opening fire injured at least 18 residents, six seriously. Dr Hamid Masri at Nablus Al Ittihad hospital said. A 23-year-old woman was shot in the neck. Three others were treated for

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wounds from beatings and rubber bullets.

Tayseer Hussein Imlaikit, 25, shot in the heart, was the latest fatality in a six-month Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip that has claimed at least 218 Arab and three Jewish lives.

He was buried quickly in Beit Furik, wrapped in a Palestinian flag.

Troops demolished Hanani's house and clamped a curfew on Beit Furik. The Army sealed the Anabta village house of Muayad Abdel Rahim Suka a, saying he was also involved in Al Masri's murder.

Twelve

Twelve other bodies in the West Bank were demolished or sealed off during the night in response to a spate of petrol bomb attacks, the Army said.

At least four Palestinians were arrested in Jericho before troops dumped furniture outside their homes and sealed the structures, the Army said.

Their families said they did not know where their relatives were taken or the charges against them.

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battle deteriorating law and order.

He hinted he would announce new elections within 90 days but has given no date.

US Secretary of State George Shultz has urged Pakistani President Zia to move swiftly to hold elections.

Fears

Spokesmen for the Pakistan Bar Council said the appointment of "muftis," or interpreters of Islamic jurisprudence, to assist the high courts would result in a judicial dictatorship.

Pakistan's Women's Action Forum said it fears the new law will strike down the Muslim family laws ordinance of 1961. It provides for the registration of marriages and divorces, bars polygamy and safeguards sustenance to a woman and her children for a period after divorce.

Information Secretary, Munir Hussain is replaced by Anwar Zahid.

Shultz defends \$1.9b arms sale to Kuwait

WASHINGTON, June 17. (Agencies): Several US senators have voiced concern about Reagan administration plans to sell advanced warplanes and missiles to Kuwait, but Secretary of State George Shultz said they were needed to deter attack by Iran.

Senator Dennis DeConcini, a Democrat, said the administration had told Congress it wants to sell \$1.9 billion worth of equipment to the Gulf nation, including 40 F-18 fighter-bombers, 40 Harpoon missiles, 120 heat-seeking Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, 200 radar-guided Sparrow air-to-air missiles, 300 air-to-ground Maverick missiles, 200 cluster bombs, and 400 laser-guided bombs.

Asked by DeConcini if the administration would be willing to remove the Maverick missiles from the sale, Shultz replied:

"Well, the request is made according to what we think and the Kuwaitis think are the needed weapons to go with the airplane. There is no point in having an airplane unless it has armaments on it and that particular armament is an especially effective weapon system."

Shultz told DeConcini and other concerned senators that the F-18s in be sold could not be refuelled in flight. Defense officials said that without external fuel tanks, the plane has a 200-mile (320-km) attack radius.

Asked by Democrat Frank Lautenberg if the United States could get a guarantee from Kuwait that the planes would not be used against Israel, Shultz replied: "We'll have to see about that."

"The F-18 is not an airplane that can make sorties to Israel — it is not of that range... Their threat principally comes from Iran... I might say that the alternatives they have before them do involve aircraft with a range that could reach Israel," Shultz said.

Defending the sale, Shultz said Kuwait was vulnerable to attack by Iran by land and sea.

"This is a positive development," Shultz said. "It represents a step by Kuwait to undertake measures for its own defence."

He said he considered the sale "something of a political breakthrough" because Kuwait would be buying American equipment rather than alternatives available elsewhere.

"I think this sale should be welcomed as a measure of increased willingness of states in the Gulf to rely on themselves," Shultz said.

He noted that Kuwait has been shopping around for new equipment to replace its ageing fighter planes for more than two years and he warned Congress that if Kuwait does not get them from the US, it will buy them from other sources.

Acquire

The administration has sent Congress informal notification of the F-18 sale. This will be followed by a formal notification. Unless Congress votes to block the sale — a move that President Reagan could veto — it would go through automatically.

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Decide

This appeared to be a hint that if Congress does not approve the deal, Kuwait might decide to buy the French Mirage 2000 fighter plane or the British Tornado.

In response to a question by Republican Arlen Specter, he said it would probably be very difficult to seek a linkage between these and formal Kuwaiti recognition of Israel's right to exist.

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Violence

They said the mood in Allahabad, where the court started late because violence forced a new poll at one voting booth, pointed to a victory by Singh, Rajiv's former defence minister.

"It could set a trend in the whole of north India for Singh," said one senior Congress official who asked not to be identified.

Singh's supporters prepared for an all-night vigil at the counting centre which was guarded by hundreds of paramilitary police.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) said the opposition won at least two of the seven by-elections, while the Congress party retained at least one seat.

It said Hafiz Ram of the Lok Dal party won in Sirsa, in Haryana state on the north Indian plains.

Counting was delayed in another Haryana constituency, Faridabad, until the Electoral Commission ruled on whether new voting was required. One person was killed there during election violence yesterday.

PTI said Shahtibai Patel of the Janata Party had been declared the winner in Godhra, in western Gujarat state, ahead of the Congress candidate.

Sabar Lal of Congress won at Pali, in the northwestern state of Rajasthan.

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But Israel invoked Britain's anger — and the expulsion — by not informing it about the arms.

INTERNATIONAL

Shipping in Mississippi halted

Committee appointed to deal with drought in US

CHICAGO, June 17. (Agencies): A drought parching much of the United States dropped water levels in key rivers, stopping hundreds of barges in the unnavigable waterways yesterday and causing major financial losses for the inland shipping industry.

President Reagan has appointed an interagency committee to deal with the widespread drought.

Texas farmers, meanwhile, turned the thorns off cactus to provide emergency cattle feed and growers in the Midwest bemoaned yesterday's scattered showers as little more than tantalising.

Georgia and Missouri reported an increase in forest fires because of abnormally dry conditions.

Deal

The drought, called the worst in a half-century, has plagued America's midsection, where it's as dry as it's been since the dust bowl days of the 1930s. It's also dry throughout the southeast, where farmers have been forced to sell off cattle they can't afford to feed and plow under shriveled crops. The June shortfall of rain follows a dry winter and a parched spring.

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Government allows police to use genetic fingerprinting

IRA bomb kills 6 soldiers

BELFAST, June 17. (AP): The government has given Northern Ireland police approval to use a revolutionary crime-detecting technique known as genetic fingerprinting following an Irish Republican Army bombing that killed six British soldiers.

But Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ruled out a reintroduction of detention without trial to deal with an upsurge of IRA violence in the British province.

Explosives

The bombing occurred on Wednesday night at the end of a charity sports race in Lishorn near Belfast. It brought this year's death toll in the province's sectarian violence to 38, eight this week alone, and came amid fresh Anglo-Irish strains over the extradition of terrorism suspects to Britain.

Police said the soldiers had driven into the market square in central Lishorn in an unmarked military van, apparently to take

part in a footrace that attracted 4,250 competitors.

While they were away, guerrillas wired explosives to the van's chassis. The soldiers returned to the van about 9 pm (2000 GMT), drove it a few yards (metres) and it exploded, police said.

None of the civilians, including an 80-year-old man and a 2-year-old boy, suffered serious injuries, police said.

British and Irish government officials, meanwhile, were meeting in Belfast today to discuss ways of stepping up security cooperation in the aftermath of the IRA bombing on Wednesday.

Lapse

Mrs Thatcher's top official in the province, Tom King, acknowledged that a security lapse allowed IRA guerrillas to plant a bomb on the soldiers' van while they took part in a 41-kilometre (13-mile) charity run.

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King said the soldiers failed to check the unmarked van for explosives and should not have left it unattended in a parking lot while taking part in the footrace.

Unit

Claiming responsibility for the bombing, the IRA vowed to wage "unceasing war" against the British security forces. The guerrilla group is fighting to oust Britain from Northern Ireland and unite the Protestant-dominated province with the mainly Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

In Parliament last night, King's deputy, Northern Ireland Minister John Stanley, said the government was giving the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the province's mainly Protestant police force, new power to use genetic fingerprinting to fight terrorism.

Police forces in England and Wales already use the sophisticated crime-solving technique, which matches DNA extracts

found in a suspect's blood, semen, hair or saliva with evidence found at a crime scene.

In England and Wales, police cannot use genetic fingerprinting without a suspect's consent, but police in Northern Ireland will be allowed to require suspects to provide saliva samples without consent, Stanley said. Police would take the samples with mouth swabs.

"In the particular circumstances of Northern Ireland, highlighted once again by the horrific murder of the six soldiers yesterday, it seems to us entirely reasonable and necessary ... to give the police the power to take a mouth swab, if necessary, without a suspect's consent," Stanley said.

Earlier yesterday, Mrs Thatcher called the attack a "terrible atrocity" and reiterated the government's determination "to defeat the terrorism of the IRA, which shoot and bomb to kill."

Crew lands after trip to MIR

MOSCOW, June 17. (Reuters): A three-man Soviet-Bulgarian cosmonaut crew landed in the Soviet Union today after 10 days in space, the Tass news agency said.

Mission commander Anatoly Solov'yov and flight engineer Viktor Savinykh, both of the Soviet Union, and Bulgarian space researcher Alexander Alexandrov returned from the MIR orbiting station aboard a Soyuz TM-4 spacecraft.

"The descent module carrying the international crew ... has made a soft landing," Tass said. "It gave no details about the landing site."

The three-man crew was launched on June 7. Two days later they boarded MIR, joining Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Titov and Musa Manarov who have manned the station since late December and are expected to remain in space for a year.

The Soviet-Bulgarian team left behind the Soyuz TM-5 craft which took them to MIR, returning instead aboard the vehicle used by Titov and Manarov to fly to the station last December.

During their week on MIR, the crew carried out nearly 50 experiments ranging from metal alloy production and drug purification to studies of Bulgarian pollution and the effects of weightlessness on higher plants and man.

UK, US want better ties with Iran

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Workers march

BELGRADE, June 17. (Reuters): Thousands of striking factory workers shouting "we want bread" and calling the government "thieves" marched through Belgrade today in the biggest workers' demonstration seen over Yugoslav austerity policies.

The workers, from Belgrade's Zmaj Tractor Factory, marched to the Yugoslav Parliament waving huge red flags and banners and pictures of the late Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito.

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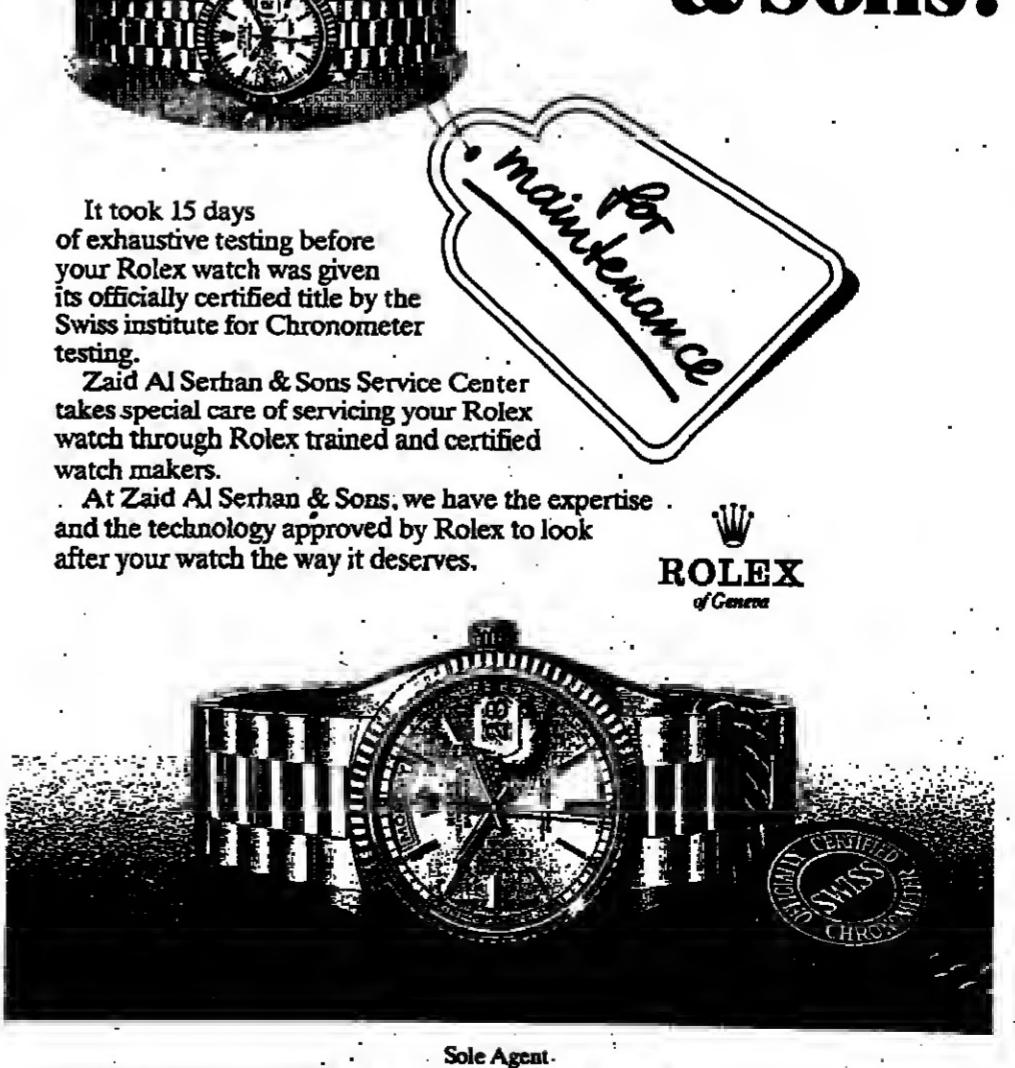
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INTERNATIONAL

Militiamen rescue kidnapped children

BEIRUT, June 17. (Reuters): Pro-Iranian militiamen stormed a shack in south Beirut today and rescued three children whose kidnappers had demanded a \$3 million ransom, the militia said.

A spokesman for the radical Shiite Hezbollah said about 10 militiamen launched the rescue operation after a suspect revealed the location of the hideout.

They stormed the shack hidden among sand dunes in the Chouwaifa area near Beirut airport and the devastated Green Line battle zone, he said.

Thirteen-year-old Dana Al Ariss and her brothers Samer, 11, and Ramzi, six, had been held since Tuesday when six gunmen intercepted their car and seized them on their way to school.

The gunmen, who fired on the children's police escort, demanded \$3 million from their father, Zuheir Al Ariss, a wealthy foreign exchange dealer. No ransom was paid, the Hezbollah spokesman said.

"The children were being held in a locked room in the shack which was guarded by one man," he said, adding that there was no shooting and the guard had been detained.

He said Syrian troops did not take part in the operation as they

hideout lay outside the area of West Beirut under their control, but Hezbollah had coordinated with the Syrians on the case.

After freeing the children at 5.30 am (0230 GMT), Hezbollah handed them over to the head of a Syrian observer force in Lebanon, Brigadier Ali Hammoud, who took them to their parents.

"We slept on a bed the first night but the next two nights we slept on the ground," Dana said. "We heard the sounds of planes... the place was filled with mosquitos."

"They treated us well, but sometimes cursed us. We ate chicken and sometimes Lebanese meat pies," she said as Samer interrupted to say that they watched the news on television.

"They talked about us on television and sometimes we watched video films," he added.

Dana said that after they were seized they were driven to the Green Line and put to the boot of a car and driven off. She said she could not identify the gunmen or their accents.

A security source who questioned the children quoted them as saying they were first held in a two-storey building in Beirut's southern suburbs, a poor and crowded web of narrow alleys.

South Korean chief justice resigns

SEOUL, June 17. (UPI): The Chief Justice of the South Korean Supreme Court resigned today after nearly 300 lower court judges demanded he step down to avert "loss of confidence in the judiciary."

Kim Yong-Chul, the nation's highest judicial authority, announced his resignation at a news conference, saying he would take "all responsibility" for public criticism of the judiciary, which has been attacked as being subservient to the government for years.

It was the first time since South Korea became a republic in 1948 that a chief justice was forced to step down. Kim said he would formally submit his resignation later to President Roh Tae-Woo.

The swift fall of the nation's highest judicial authority at the hands of its subordinates reflects a growing boldness of junior-level officials in pressuring the bureaucracy to implement democratic reforms promised by Roh during his presidential campaign.

Afghan rebels mum over missing Soviets

PESHAWAR, June 17. (Reuters): Muslim guerrillas are keeping the Kremlin guessing over the fate of about 300 Soviet troops missing in action or taken prisoner in the Afghan war.

"We want to keep them in the dark," said a senior official in the seven-party guerrilla alliance based in this north-western Pakistan city.

"We don't want to let them know what is going on because we want to keep the KGB (Soviet intelligence) busy," said the official from the Hezb-e-Islami, a powerful guerrilla group led by hardliner Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Military officials in Moscow listed 311 servicemen as missing in action who the Soviet Union began withdrawing more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan last month.

Tass news agency said yesterday that the Soviet Red Cross had asked Red Cross organizations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and the United States for information about the whereabouts of captured soldiers.

The official Soviet news agency quoted Red Cross official Dmitry Venediktov saying only eight Soviet PoWs had returned home at the beginning of 1985. Kremlin authorities have refused

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UN going broke, may close down by November

UNITED NATIONS, June 17. (Reuters): The United Nations is on the edge of bankruptcy and will have to close down by early November unless members reduce a \$690-million debt, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar says.

More than \$466 million is owed by the United States alone, which has paid only \$362,000 this year towards its 25 per cent share of about \$215 million for the regular budget.

Officials said running the United Nations costs about \$60 million a month.

Perez de Cuellar said in a statement yesterday that if the cash crunch continued the world body would be completely out of money, with all reserves exhausted by the end of October or early November.

Contributions

"Insolvent, the organisation will have to cease operations and will be unable to meet its commitments to member states and to staff," he said.

Closing the United Nations in about four months' time would disrupt the main event of the UN year, the General Assembly which begins its 43rd session on Sept. 20.

Even with an anticipated



Perez de Cuellar

American payment of \$100 million later this year, unpaid contributions were projected for the end of 1988 at the unprecedented level of \$460 million, the Secretary General said.

"All reserves will be exhausted and the cash shortfall will be \$110.3 million," he added.

For 1987, the congress appropriated only \$144 million of a \$212-million American share of the UN regular budget. Of that sum, \$44 million was withheld pending certification by the Reagan administration that UN reforms were being implemented.

A principal change approved by the General Assembly at the end of 1986 calls for budgets to be approved by a consensus of the members, effectively giving the United States and other big contributors a power of veto.

Ceasefire announcement expected shortly

India, Tamils close to pact

MADRAS, June 17. (Reuters): India and the main Tamil separatist group in Sri Lanka are close to an agreement to end the island's five years of conflict, rebel sources said on Thursday.

Sources from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) told Reuters only two important points remained to be decided after lengthy talks with Indian officials.

They expected the announcement of a ceasefire, the first stage in implementing any agreement, on June 18 or 21, when Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is due to make visits to Madras, a major centre for India's Tamils.

A Ministry of External Affairs spokesman in New Delhi told Reuters he had no information on the subject.

Weapons

The aim of the talks has been to persuade the LTTE to end its rebellion and implement last year's agreement between India and Sri Lanka to bring peace to the troubled island.

Under that agreement, India sent a peacekeeping force of over 50,000 men to Sri Lanka and has fought heavy battles against the LTTE.

The rebel group has so far refused to abide by last year's accord under which the

Colombo government agreed to give semi-autonomy to the Tamil-dominated North and to the Eastern province where they are a large minority.

The LTTE sources said agreement had been reached on the number of weapons their fighters would hand over and on the size of a hefty aid package India would give them in return for agreement on implementing the pact.

Offensive

However, agreement had not yet been reached on the time period for handing over the weapons and on the inclusion of LTTE men in a scheme to rehabilitate the Tamil population.

The sources said the agreement on weapons had been made possible by a concession by India on the number to be handed over, but the sources would give no details of that or the size of the aid package India would give the rebels.

In Colombo, an LTTE statement said one Indian soldier was killed and one wounded in a grenade attack at an Army road-block in the North.

The statement said the incident happened Monday at Visuvamadu in Mullaitivu district.

Meanwhile, Indian peace-

Zia vows to pursue N-programme

ISLAMABAD, June 17. (Reuters): President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq said on Thursday Pakistan would go ahead with its controversial nuclear programme despite outside pressures to scale back.

He told a seminar of Pakistani and foreign scientists here the programme was totally peaceful and Islamabad had no intention of making nuclear weapons, the official APP news agency reported.

Fears have often been expressed in the West and in neighbouring India that Pakistan was making nuclear weapons. Islamabad has failed to get equipment for planned nuclear power plants from prospective Western suppliers.

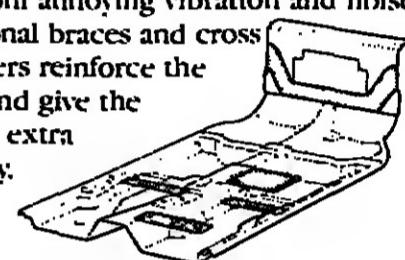
"I wish to state clearly and categorically that Pakistan's nuclear programme is entirely peaceful in nature, solely directed to meet our needs of socio-economic development," Zia said.

Pakistan is "determined to go ahead with this programme despite all pressures," APP quoted Zia as saying.

He said Pakistan opposed military use of nuclear energy and had no desire to acquire nuclear weapons. "We want to see South Asia free from nuclear weapons and threat of their use."

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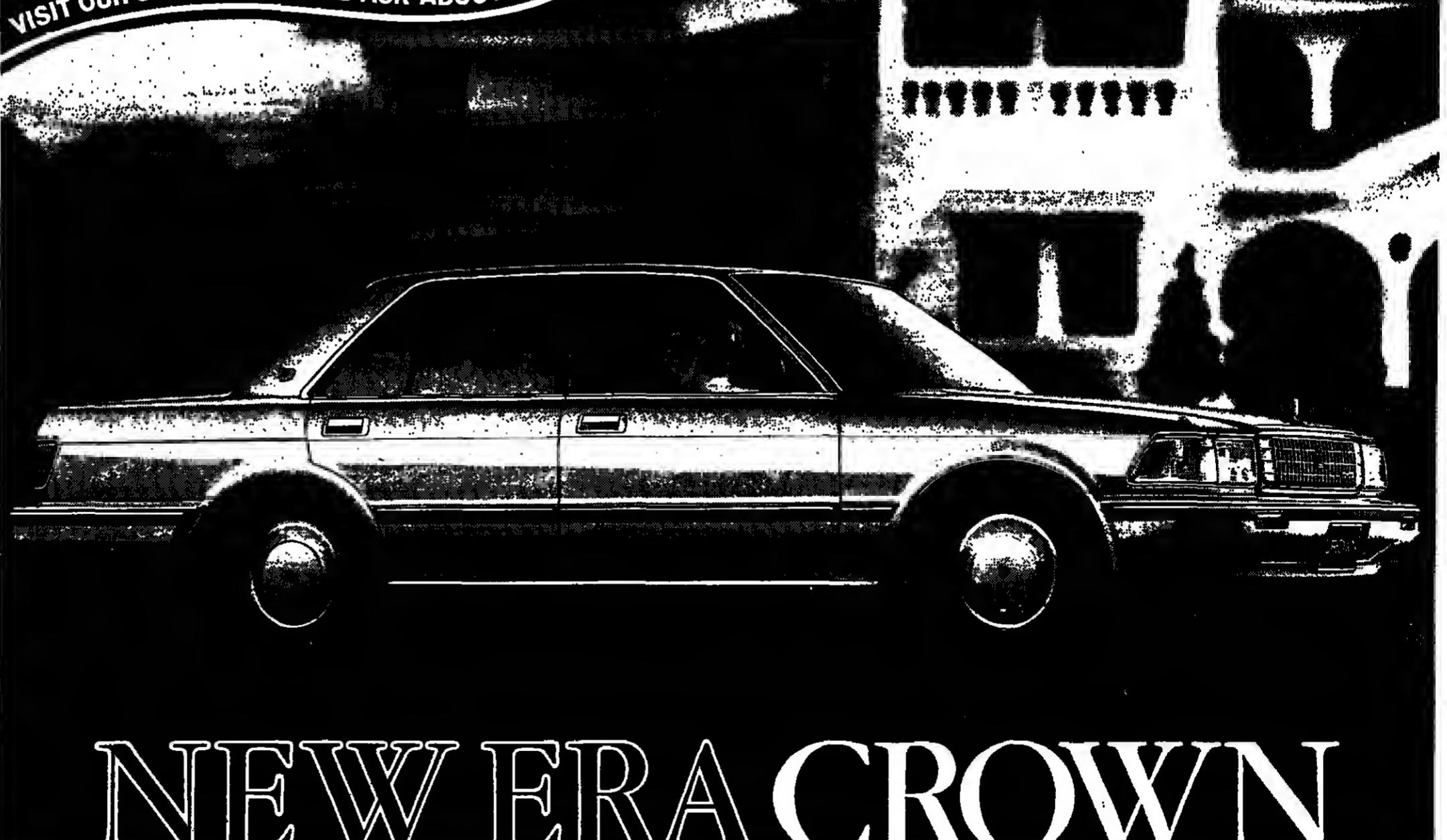
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Sudan and Gulf bound by common destiny: Merghani

CHAIRMAN of the Sudanese Supreme Council Ahmed Al Merghani has stressed that his country and the Arab Gulf states are bound by common destiny.

In an interview with Al Seiyah, Al Merghani said: "We are obliged with our Arab brethren in the Gulf... Kuwait and Saudi Arabia... We are bound by common destiny and goal."

Commenting on his country's relations with Kuwait, the Sudanese leader praised existing ties between the two countries and hoped that HH the Amir of Kuwait would visit Sudan.

On Sudan's contribution to the Algiers extraordinary Arab summit, he pointed out that Sudan has played a reconciliatory role, adding that part of the summit's final communiqué,

which condemned Iranian hostilities against Kuwait and Saudi Arabia has been taken from Sudan's address to the conference.

Hailing outcome of the summit, which he said promises fulfilment of an Arab concordance strategy, Al Merghani noted that appropriate support to the Palestinian uprising was secured.

Affect

When asked if "Sudan's positive stance towards Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia will affect the good relations between Sudan and Iran," the Sudanese leader responded "please do not say that our relations with Iran are excellent."

Asked to comment on the

recent initiative of John Garang, leader of the rebel movement in South Sudan, he said "until now, we have not received this initiative officially," adding, we welcome such initiative on negotiations between Khartoum and the insurgents.

Commenting on relations between Khartoum and Addis Ababa, Al Merghani said they have improved lately, adding that negotiations between the two sides are under way.

The Sudanese leader expressed readiness to mediate between the Eritreans and the Ethiopians to create the appropriate atmosphere for negotiations and denied that the Eritrean resolution launches attacks against the Ethiopian Army from Sudanese territories.

Moral and financial support needed

Sheikh Hamed hails uprising

LONDON, June 17, (KUNA): An Arab Gulf official hailed the Palestinian uprising and said it needs all the moral and financial support to enable the Palestinians restore their right of establishing their independent state on their national soil.

Information Minister of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Ahmed Bin Hamed condemned, in an interview with the London-based Arabic language magazine Al Hawadess to be published here today, the Israeli oppressive measures practised against the Palestinians inside the occupied Arab lands.

On the UAE's stance toward the uprising, Sheikh Hamed said UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan had affirmed his country's firm support to the Palestinian people in their just struggle to achieve their rights.

Solution

The UAE official indicated to Sheikh Zayed's repeated calls on the United States to take a firm stance to restore the Palestinian rights in the course of its efforts to find a solution to the Palestinian cause.

Sheikh Hamed went on saying that the Arabs are expecting Washington to take this stance now for its own interest and for the region's stability because if rights are not restored to the Arabs, the Arab states will have no

choice other than confronting Israel."

He added that the UAE president informed the US permanent delegate to the United Nations Vernon Walters on this stance during the latter's recent visit to the UAE.

Platform

On the Gulf war, the UAE Information Minister commented that it is "a real tragedy" that exhausts the financial and human resources of both Muslim neighbours.

He referred in that regard to the negative impacts of the Iraq-Iran war and stressed that the dangers resulting from this conflict threaten the security and stability of the region.

Sheikh Hamed hoped that the war would come to an end and for peace to prevail in the Arab Gulf region "in order not to make the region an international battlefield and a platform of subversions and destructions."

Overcome

He affirmed that his country calls on "brothers in Iran to resort to wisdom and spirit of Islam and respond to the United Nations and international organisations' resolutions calling for a halt to the war and for the prevalence of peace in the region."

Al Houti will be accompanied by an official delegation including Undersecretary Mohamed Al Yousif, a team of other Arab officials, economists to the Arab League and the Arab

stance towards it, Sheikh Hamed said that his country is confident that "division among the Arab nation is only a summer cloud that will vanish and there is no life for the Arab nation without solidarity and unity."

Meanwhile, the Arab Gulf official praised the Gulf Cooperation Council and noted that it is an example that should be followed by other Arab countries.

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Al Houti to visit South Korea

KUWAITI Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti will start an official visit at the end of this month to South Korea in response to an invitation by South Korean Minister of Construction Hoc Dong-Sup, it was announced yesterday.

The visit is scheduled from June 26th to July 4th.

Al Houti will be accompanied by an official delegation including Undersecretary Mohamed Al Yousif, a team of other Arab officials, economists to the Arab League and the Arab

Development and Reconstruction Bureau.

Traffic Week competition winners honoured



Al Rayes giving away a gift to one of the winners.

THE chairman of Kuwait's Road Safety Society Sabah Al Rayes recently inaugurated a ceremony to honour the winners of the photography and children's painting competition which was held to mark the GCC Traffic Week for the year 1988.

Speaking on the occasion, Al Rayes thanked the participants of the competition and said this contribution of the participants depicted the grave concern attributed by all towards traffic problems and accidents in par-

ticular. He stated that a concerted effort by the public in cooperation with the authorities should be exerted towards addressing this problem.

Traffic accidents, he said, caused innumerable injuries, deaths, financial losses to the public and the state out to men and women on traffic issues and called on children and the summer club members to participate in traffic competitions to be organised by the society.

Al Rayes gave away the prizes to the winners.

Efforts to solve problems of trainee physicians

THE board of Kuwait Medical Society held a meeting with a number of trainee physicians working for the public health ministry to discuss their problems and complaints. The secretary-general to the society welcomed them and said that every effort would be made to solve the problems. They were also given assurances by society member, Dr Nabil Najim, that the matters would be discussed with the health minister and senior officials.

Dr Najim told a local daily about the complaints and difficulties of the trainee doctors, which centred on poor salaries and conditions. Before 1986, these doctors were receiving KD100 a month in the first year

Awadi returns

KUWAIT'S Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi returned "in" "fiasco" from Geneva where he took part in the 10th session of the UN Environment Development Programme.

and KD200 a month in the second year. After 1986, the ministry stopped appointing them as normal doctors in the third year and some of the trainees have been working for five years and their salaries are still lower than KD400 a month. Dr Najim felt that their situation was unacceptable considering that these doctors have the same duties and responsibilities as other physicians yet they do not enjoy the same financial rewards.

PWM to recruit staff from Cairo

PUBLIC Works Minister Abdul Rahman Al Houti on Thursday issued an order according to which a committee will be entrusted with conducting interviews in Cairo with applicants wishing to work in the ministry.

The committee which comprises officials from the Ministry of Public Works is scheduled to leave for Cairo early next month.

Call for experiment on wheat farming



Sheikh Ibrahim

THE board chairman and director-general of Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Ranching Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij on Wednesday said that he has announced that in response to HH the Amir's desire to encourage wheat farming in Kuwait, the authority will support an expanded experiment in this regard.

In a press conference, Al Duaij called on farmers and farm owners to start the experiment of wheat farming each according to his capacity.

Al Duaij added that despite difficulties surrounding wheat growing, satisfactory results were shown in experiments done by the authority and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) last year.

The state will support farmers who would go ahead with the experiment and will provide them with supervision, fertilisers, farming, insecticides in addition to paying double price for their harvest of wheat, Al Duaij ooted.

"The aim of the experiment is to encourage and expand wheat growing in Kuwait regardless of achieving self-sufficiency," the Kuwaiti official said.

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Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Iceland on the occasion of the country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Call for review of US-Arab relations

A KUWAITI daily yesterday called for full review of US-Arab relations and urged a buildup of Arab pressure against Washington to cease tampering with the nation's legitimate causes and rights.

Al Watan newspaper made the call in an editorial comment yesterday on Iraq's decision to call off a planned meeting in Washington between Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz and US Secretary of State George Shultz.

The measure, to protest the reception held in honour of Iraqi Kurdish rebel leader Jalal Talabani at the US State Department, is a step in the right direction in dealing with the US, the paper opined.

Recalling America's long list of hostility to the Arab nation, Al Watan cited Washington's recurrent use of the veto right against the Palestinian uprising, Arab rights, supply of the Iranian aggression with weapons and its overt and covert flirtation with the Tehran regime.

"The American logic," it stressed, "is neither acceptable nor permissible to pose without taking stances similar to the Iraqi measure, such stance should be developed into a regional attitude in the manner allowing a full review of oil questions overshadowing Arab-American relations."

The paper advised direct pressure on the US as the only means to make Washington feel that people are demanding their rights, saying this is better than staying put and speculating who will win the presidential race, Bush or Dukakis.

Hopes on Maghreb unity

A LOCAL weekly magazine on Thursday commended the recent meeting of Arab Maghreb leaders on the sidelines of Algiers emergency Arab summit conference.

Editorially commenting on the meeting of Moroccan, Algerian, Libyan, Tunisian and Mauritanian leaders in Algiers last week, Al Nahda hoped the gathering would represent a new impetus for regional meetings aimed at Arab unity.

The Gulf Co-operation Council will set a vital example for Arab Maghreb leaders, said the weekly.

Unity of Arab states in North Africa would boost Arab-European co-operation and give further importance to the Mediterranean region, it added.

Al Nahda hoped the Maghreb unity would be the second Arab regional unity that sets the stage for other similar Arab attempts.

Summer consulates

THREE Kuwaiti consuls left on Thursday to three European cities to operate interim consulates during the summer season.

The consuls are Abdallah Al Saadon assigned to Madrid, Spain; Ahmad Al Mhanati to Paris, France; and Suliman Al Munais to Rome, Italy.

Al Moutawa to Limassol, Cyprus.

Director of the Foreign Ministry's information office Sulaiman Al Munais told KUNA that these consulates will provide various services to Kuwaiti vacationists in these countries.

Al Nahda said, in instance, the

consulate in Paris will be in operation until the end of July.

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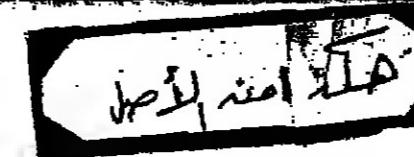
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Saudis prepared to halt pro-Iranian riots

BAHRAIN, June 17, (Agencies): Saudi security forces are geared to halt any attempts by pro-Iranians to demonstrate or disrupt this year's Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) has reported.

The agency, in a report received in neighbouring Bahrain, said Saudi securitymen "are prepared, with God's help to meet any situation and with God's help no element would be able to harm the pilgrims."

Iran, accusing Saudi Arabia of banning its pilgrims, has called on Muslims visiting Islam's holiest city to demonstrate.

Repetition

In response to the Iranian statements, the SPA said the kingdom welcomed Iranians to next month's hajj (pilgrimage) but warned them against any repetition of last July's Iranian-led riots in which 402 people were killed.

Most of the victims were Iranians.

The riots led to a war of words between Iran and Saudi Arabia,

which severed ties with Tehran last April and imposed a quota system of one pilgrim for every 1,000 people any country.

Diplomats said the move was apparently designed to scale down a large Iranian presence in Makkah.

Last year Iran sent 150,000 pilgrims to the hajj, which was attended by nearly two million Muslims, and said the same number should be allowed to travel to Saudi Arabia this season. Iran, which has been allowed 45,000 pilgrims, has decided to boycott this year.

Saudi Arabia has not barred Iranian pilgrims from the annual pilgrimage, and the "guilt" for their absence falls on the shoulders of the Iranian government, SPA said.

The kingdom said it had started construction work at the holy sites to enlarge their capacity and only a limited number could attend the hajj this year.

The agency said Tehran was ruled by "sick souls" who were financing sabotage and terrorism.

SPA also said Iran's ruling clergy were "full of hate and envy of other Muslims and of the Arab states."

A British newspaper reported today that pro-Iranian activists were recruiting Muslim sympathisers with British passports to make the hajj in order to mount "anti-Saudi demonstrations" in Makkah.

Quoting "sources close to the intelligence agencies of a number of Muslim countries," the Independent newspaper of London said the action was taken after Iran announced that it would boycott this year's pilgrimage.

The sources said the role of the recruits from the UK was to "smuggle leaflets into Saudi Arabia" during the hajj.

The Independent reported that the leaflets would call on Muslims from all over the world to "rebel against Saudi rule over Makkah and Medina and to have them declared international cities."

Oman supports Indonesia's bid to host non-aligned summit

JAKARTA, June 17, (AP): Oman fully supports Indonesia in its bid to host the 1989 non-aligned summit. Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah said yesterday.

As one of the founding nations of the Non-aligned Movement, there is no doubt about Indonesia's capability in hosting the meeting, Alawi told reporters upon his arrival for a four-day visit to Indonesia.

"We will support the role

Prince Abdullah leaves for Dublin

LONDON, June 17, (KUNA): Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz left London this morning for Dublin at the conclusion of his four-day official visit to Britain.

During his stay Prince Abdullah held talks with British leaders covering the successful outcome of the Algiers Arab summit, the Palestinian uprising and bilateral relations.

Efforts to make progress for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Gulf war were also top of the agenda.

The Saudi crown prince's visit was pronounced a great success today by British officials who indicated that it has helped to boost the already close links between the two countries.

The special welcome accorded to Prince Abdullah by the British government was an expression of London's desire to develop ties in all fields with the kingdom, which is a major trading partner with the UK.

which will be played by Indonesia," he said. "We will be happy if Indonesia's bid will be met."

The host of the next non-aligned summit will be decided during a meeting of foreign ministers of the movement scheduled for Cyprus in September.

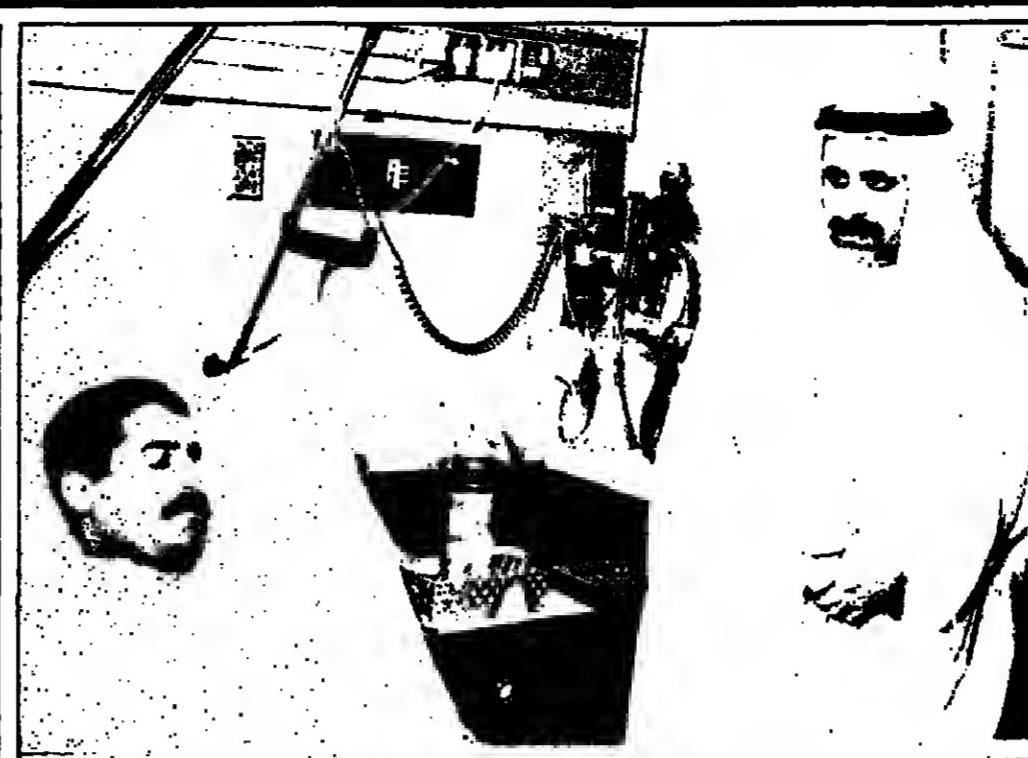
Nicaragua and Indonesia are vying to host the summit.

During his stay in Jakarta, Alawi was scheduled to meet Indonesian officials including Foreign Minister Ali Alatas and President Suharto to discuss problems ranging from Muslim relations to efforts toward world peace.

Co-operation in criminal evidence

TUNIS, June 17, (KUNA): A senior official at the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry has said that the second Arab conference for heads of criminal evidence departments has adopted a number of recommendations for further enhancing co-operation between member countries in the field of combating crime.

In an interview with KUNA here today, assistant director of criminal evidence and director of criminal laboratories at the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry Colonel Saad Al Bargas said the conference agreed to co-operate on providing the specialised office of the criminal police at the general secretariat of Arab Interior Ministers' Council with necessary information.



Sheikh Salem visiting the captain at the hospital.

Symposium on civil defence

THE director-general of the Civil Defence department Colonel Khaled Al Qaod in an interview with a local daily disclosed that the department currently suffered a shortage of qualified personnel who were well-skilled in the various arts of civil defence, at a time when warfare technologies were rapidly developing.

He continued that within the framework of its various activities, the Ministry of Interior would organise a grand symposium on civil defence next October at which local and international experts would participate.

The symposium would be held through the joint co-operation of the governments of Kuwait and Finland. An official delegation headed by Finland's Minister of Interior would represent his country at this symposium and the symposium would be attended by a team of international experts.

Al Qaod said the participants would represent local and international institutions, including scientific establishments, government agencies, universities, security and safety departments.

He also said representatives from the GCC countries would participate in the symposium besides a delegation from the Riyadh based Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training.

Concluding he said the symposium would last four days with six sessions daily, held both in the morning and evening.

Report on Dhahar cave-in

THE Minister of State for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, has been quoted as saying that the report concerning the subsidence which occurred at Al Dhahar recently will be published soon.

He told a local daily that the report, which was prepared by a committee representing Kuwait Municipality, Kuwait University, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, stations, and Kuwait Oil Company in co-operation with a foreign consulting bureau, would highlight the dimensions of the problem, its reasons and how it could be handled.

The minister declined to give

any details of the said report, stating that the matter falls within the committee's responsibilities.

Lecture on climate

MAHMOUD SAFAR, head of auditing and climatic statistics at the department of meteorology, has said that the dust-storms which occur frequently in Kuwait impede the movement of air, land and marine transport. In a lecture on climate at the Science Club, Safar said that the dust-storms mostly coincided with westerly winds, referring to statistics at the department of meteorology which state that about 80 per cent of the dust-storms came from the north-western sector, 10 per cent from the southeastern sector, 6 per cent from the southwestern sector and 4 per cent from the northeast.

He said that although total control of this phenomenon was impossible, its effects could be alleviated by stabilising sand dunes, setting up green belts and the development of afforested areas.

Going to the matter of high temperatures in Kuwait, Safar suggested that outdoor workshops should be closed at noon during the hottest months of July and August, when temperatures were generally in excess of 45 degrees Centigrade.

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Three injured

Smuggler shoots at securitymen

A MAN wanted both by the Kuwaiti and Iraqi security authorities for criminal activities especially smuggling, used a Kalashnikov (AK-47) gun against security forces following him and injured three men including a captain.

The suspect was being followed by securitymen who cornered him as he entered an apartment in the Riqqa area. However, the criminal blasted away with a machine gun and injured the three securitymen and managed to escape. The alleged criminal is said to be known as Ali Matroud, an Iraqi national married to a Kuwaiti lady.

He has been described as a professional criminal and has

been on the wanted list for a long time. Several months ago, he was surrounded at the Farwaniya hospital while visiting a patient, but somehow managed to escape. He is also alleged to be the one who raided the Muttha police station in a machine-gun attack.

The injured police captain who is said to be in stable and satisfactory condition was hit in the right thigh and hand. The other security man was hit in 9 places of his body, while the condition of the third has not been revealed.

The Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah visited the injured captain at the hospital on Thursday and wished him a very speedy recovery.

Murphy in Saudi Arabia for talks on Mideast

the beginning of a Gulf tour. Saudi official sources have said the focus of the US envoy's deliberations will be the latest US plan for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak warned Arab states in an interview published in Tunis today against rejecting a US Middle East peace plan.

Commenting on the peace plan promoted by US Secretary of State George Shultz in four Middle East tours this year, he said it had "several positive points."

"It is up to us (Arabs) to adopt these points and to have the negative points re-worked in the interests of our cause," he told the Tunisian ruling party daily Al Huriya (freedom).

Ministry exerting all efforts for best telephone services

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs at the Ministry of Communication Sulaiman Al Roumi in an interview with Al Seyassat stated that the ministry is exerting all efforts to ensure the best telephone services to the subscribers.

Al Roumi disclosed the ministry would be circulating the Videotex service to most subscribers which would provide a vast data base through the telephone. The telephone system, he added, did not affect the automobile telephones as each system worked through a specific network independently. He said the ministry would be establishing new telephone exchanges in the areas of Al Qurain and West Fintas in addition to expanding the current facilities.

Replying to questions, the minister said that every effort was being made to achieve the goals laid down in the five-year plan for telephone services. On cross-connections, he disclosed that the ministry had set up a technical plan at eradicating this problem. The plan is to be implemented in different stages and would cost about KD50 million.

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GOD hears with the wicked, but not forever — Miguel de Cervantes, Spanish writer (1547-1616).

Encircled by South Africa

Lesotho survives the hard way

By John Morraon

MASERU. (Reuters): North, south, east, west. Whichever way the Basotho look down from their mountaintops, they have only one neighbour — South Africa.

This face of geography has shaped Lesotho's fate since King Moshoeshoe I led his people up into the highlands in the 1820s, saving them from conquest by the advancing Boers.

"South Africa and Lesotho have got to learn to live together because we are completely surrounded," Colonel Sekhobe Letsie, a member of the six-man military council, said in an interview.

Since the council, headed by General Justin Lekhanya, overthrew Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan on Jan 20, 1986, Lesotho has swung closer to its all-powerful neighbour.

Pretoria's Deputy Foreign Minister Neil van Heerden came to Lesotho's capital Maseru at the end of May to celebrate South Africa's Republic Day, and was presented with a woven wall-hanging by Lekhanya.

South Africa's trade commissioner Gheens J.J. Geldenhuys said in an interview that soldiers of the South African defence force were building a military hospital just outside the capital.

Cooperation

"There is very good co-operation between security forces on both sides of the border," he said.

The new cross-border cordiality has replaced the confrontation of the Jonathan years, when South African troops regularly raided Maseru in search of African National Congress (ANC) members. "In one such attack in 1982, 42 people were killed."

The ANC, banned by South Africa since 1960, is the main black nationalist movement fighting to topple South Africa's white minority-led government.

The downfall of Jonathan was directly triggered by a South African border blockade which cut Lesotho's land links to the outside world.

Jonathan, who flirted with communist countries such as North Korea and gave strong support to the ANC, paid the price of a battle he could not win.

His military successors lost no time in chasing out members of the ANC, South Africa's key demand, and restoring close links with Pretoria.

Charles Moeli, a politician opposed both to Jonathan and the military, says the first rule of politics in Lesotho is "be careful with the South Africans. They

can eliminate you at any moment."

But the military, while observing this rule, have no desire to be seen merely as South African stooges to be mentioned in the same breath as the rulers of Pretoria's nominally independent homelands such as nearby Transkei.

"I don't think it would be wise to put all the eggs in one basket," Letsie told Reuters.

He said Lesotho still welcomed a constant stream of South African political refugees who were free to stay, with the exception of ANC combatants.

"It should be clear that Lesotho is an independent state and Lesotho is not prepared to take any instructions from any country, regardless of how small we are," he explained.

The growing South African presence, symbolised by the big South African defence force trucks that thunder through central Maseru with building materials for the hospital, is far from being universally popular.

Train

Just outside Maseru, the racecourse doubles as a firing range for the Army. Watching two British military instructors at pistol practice, I was asked by six Basotho boys aged about 10 if the two white officers were South African "Mahuru" (Boers).

"If South Africans were to train our Army we would not be happy," one said.

But national pride of this sort is little comfort to the Basotho as they wrap themselves tightly in their brightly coloured blankets against the cold winter air.

A neglected British protectorate for almost a century until independence in 1966, Lesotho suffers from chronic underdevelopment.

The South African-owned shops in the capital are bursting with consumer goods, but the abundance is deceptive.

Imports outweigh exports by ten to one, with the balance made up by the remittances of the 120,000 Basotho men who till underground in South Africa's mines.

Aid

Lesotho also benefits from the share-out of the joint pool of customs revenue it shares with South Africa, Swaziland and Botswana.

Unlike these two countries, also in the shadow of South Africa, Lesotho has virtually no mineral and agricultural wealth.

Its treeless mountains are bare and overgrazed, its fields carved by the gullies of soil erosion, and it depends more and more on foreign food aid to keep its 1.6 million people alive.

Baker's departure

Reagan has become a political caretaker

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): Howard Baker's sudden resignation as White House chief of staff will reinforce perceptions that President Reagan has become largely a political caretaker in his waning months in office.

The 77-year-old president was at pains to deny that very perception on Tuesday within minutes of the surprise announcement that Baker was leaving effective July 1.

"No, that (resignation) means that a little change has occurred," Reagan told reporters who asked if Baker's resignation meant the beginning of the end of his presidency, which ends upon completion of his second term next Jan 20.

Worries

Reagan aides said Kenneth Duberstein, the official named to succeed Baker, was already handling much basic White House staff direction work during the last year because Baker himself has been distracted by family illness.

Baker's wife, Joy, is a recovering alcoholic who has suffered from back problems in recent years, and he returned to his home state of Tennessee to be with her nearly every weekend since he became chief of staff in February 1987.

Adding to Baker's worries was the recent admission to hospital

Decree caught opposition by surprise

Imposition of sharia may jeopardise elections

By Raja Asghar

ISLAMABAD. (Reuters): President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's decision to make the Islamic legal code of sharia the supreme source of Pakistan's laws has confounded his opponents.

The decree, issued on Wednesday, caught the opposition by surprise at a time when they were trying to mend political fences in the run up to general elections by the end of August.

They fear the ordinance's requirement that all existing and future laws conform to sharia, coupled with Zia's vow to do more to press Islamisation, could jeopardise the election.

Fear

Opposition sources say he could use the campaign as a means of postponing the election, as he did after taking power in 1977, or of holding restricted polls that would provide results more to his liking.

Some newspapers have also

been critical.

Commenting in an editorial, the Peshawar Frontier Post said: "The hasty promulgation of the ordinance in a purely transitional phase of government may win the president goodwill and political support from a section of the population."

"But it looks destined to cause an extraordinary stir in the whole system and even paralyse a part of its functioning and divide a lot of people. This is not likely to do much good to the country or even to the cause of Islamisation."

Zia said the decree would not affect the personal lives of non-



Zia-ul-Haq

Muslims, who comprise about four per cent of Pakistan's population of more than 100 million.

Questions have been raised about how the decree will affect women, whether they can appear on television, campaign openly in elections or even head a government, which could affect Benazir Bhutto, daughter of executed former Prime Minister



Benazir Bhutto

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and leader of the opposition Pakistan People's Party.

Women activists fear that prevailing family laws aimed at protecting them in such matters as divorce or a husband's second marriage may be scrapped.

Zia issued the decree just 18 days after he dismissed Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Jun-

jo and dissolved the national and four provincial assemblies. He ordered new elections within 90 days.

No date has been set for the elections and it is not clear whether all political parties will be permitted to contest.

An existing law enforced by Zia when he ruled under martial law bars from elections parties not registered with the government's election commission.

Benzai's party and eight others in the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy have refused to apply for registration.

Hareh

The supreme court has yet to announce its decision on a petition by Benazir challenging the registration law, which requires parties to follow Pakistan's Islamic ideology and not to criticise the military and judiciary.

Zia had earlier used his martial law authority to decree harsh Islamic punishments such as stoning adulterers to death.

chopping off thieves' hands and flogging for drinking alcohol.

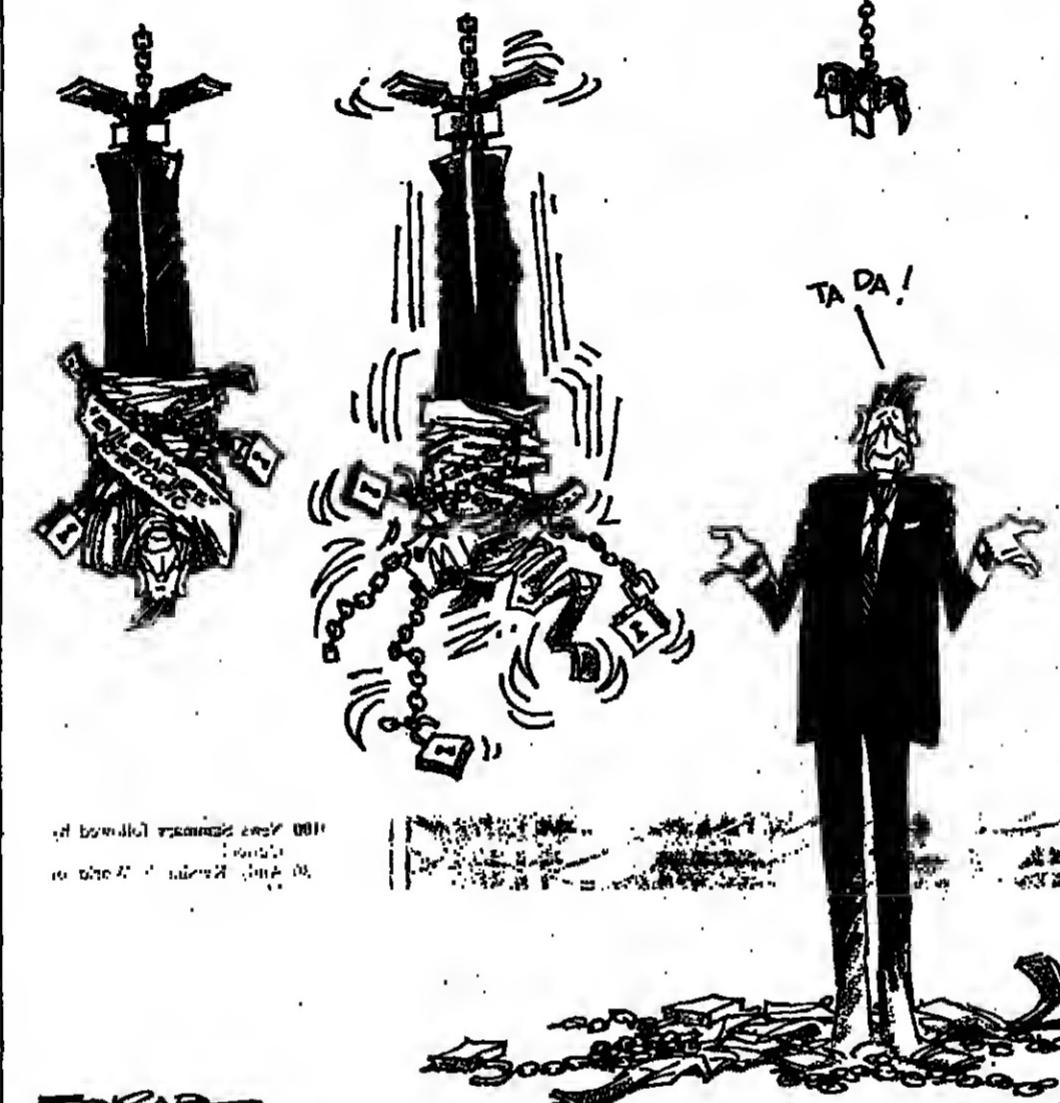
He also introduced Islamic interest-free banking.

Religious fundamentalists, his allies in the Islamisation campaign, wanted much more but this he found difficult to do after restoring parliament in 1985 and later that year lifting martial law.

The overwhelming majority of Junajo's Pakistan Muslim League had already subdued the fundamentalist Jamaat-i-Islami Party, who were a small minority in the parliament, and in the previous round of Islamic laws was less than a great success.

Many commentators felt after the poor showing by the Jamaat-i-Islami in the 1985 election that the campaign had petered out.

None of the political leadership has welcomed the sharia decree but analysts said Zia apparently aimed at winning over orthodox Muslims, especially the mullahs, to supplement his continuing grip over the armed forces.



Oil glut makes Japan bolder in relations with Israel

By Jennie Konyka

TOKYO. (Reuters): Encouraged by decreasing dependence on oil supplies from Arab countries,

gradually expanding," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

Japan has had diplomatic relations with Israel since 1952, but its official contacts have been cautious because of dependence on oil from Arab countries and the Arab economic boycott of companies doing business there.

Concern

But now there is a worldwide oil surplus and Japan has cut its dependence on Arab oil to less than 60 per cent of its daily imports of more than three million barrels from 75 per cent at the time of the oil crisis in 1983.

"Under the current conditions of an oil glut, there's much less

concern about supplies from the Arab countries," one Japanese oil refiner said.

Meanwhile, pressure, particularly from the United States, has been building on Japan to assume more responsibility in world peace-keeping efforts commensurate with its economic weight in the world. Western diplomatic sources said.

Uno will visit Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Israel from June 22 to 27 to discuss the Middle East with leaders of those countries.

Uno said in a statement last month that Japan was deeply interested in progress towards peace in the Middle East and added, "Japan is resolved to have dialogues positively with countries concerned."

"It's the first stage of frank exchange with leaders of countries directly concerned with peace in the Middle East and the first occasion for Japan to express its concern," a Foreign Ministry official told Reuters.

Problems

"But Japan is a bit of a loso to know how it can get involved," said one Western diplomat. "First it has to learn about the complexities of the region."

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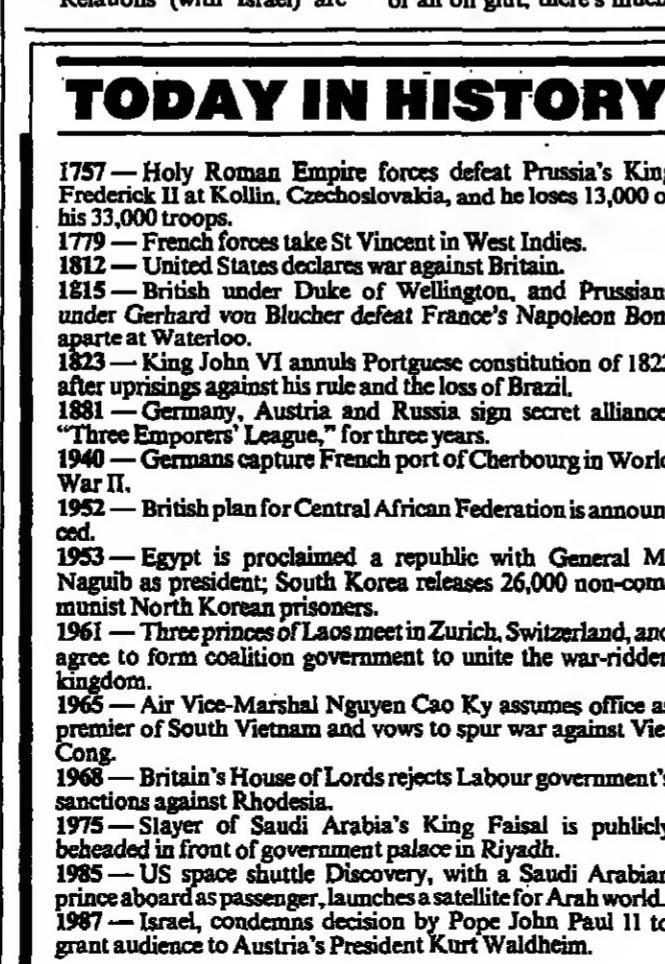
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White Griscom has not yet set an exit date, administration sources said he planned to join a Tennessee insurance firm in the near future.



Latin America's strong men defy once-mighty US

By Bernd Debusmann

MEXICO CITY. (Reuters): Latin America's three last military strongmen are openly defying the United States, once a power that could make or break Latin American governments with ease.

Washington takes credit for having encouraged the democratic wave which has swept Latin America since 1979, when Ecuador became the first of 10 countries to switch from military rule to democracy.

But the United States has been unable to drive from power Latin America's remaining generals: Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega, Chile's Augusto Pinochet, and Paraguay's Alfredo Stroessner.

"The dictators are thumbing their noses at Washington as if to show that the days of the big stick are over," said a Latin diplomat, referring to the late President Theodore Roosevelt's remark that US policymakers should "walk softly and carry a big stick."

These days, the Americans tend to walk noisy but carry a small stick, say critics of the Reagan administration. During more than seven years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, US prestige in Latin America has declined markedly.

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But for all its close ties and long dominance, the United States has been powerless to dislodge Noriega, a 50-year-old career officer who was treated as a trusted ally before Washington began siding with his domestic opponents a year ago.

Since then, Noriega has

weathered figurehead President Eric Arturo Delvalle's attempt to unseat him as armed forces chief — which ended with the ousting of Delvalle. A few weeks later, Noriega survived a coup attempt and crushed his Army opponents. Diplomats say both efforts had US encouragement.

Wrecked

A US-engineered cash crisis wrecked the service-based Panamanian economy but neither that nor a cut-off of US aid helped the defiant general. Noriega also shrugged off a US indictment on charges of having turned Panama into a conduit for Colombian cocaine.

And Noriega made a mockery of statements by senior Washington officials such as Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams who in March reported that the general was hanging on "by his fingertips."

Washington's efforts to pressure Pinochet and Stroessner into giving way to democracy have been less noisy than the Panama campaign but equally unsuccessful.

The United States welcomed the 1973 military coup which brought Pinochet to power in Chile. Washington long regarded Paraguay's Stroessner as a staunch and reliable ally in its international crusade against communism.

US support for right-wing military rulers waned over the last decade or so and by 1985, the Reagan administration pro-

claimed that Paraguay and Chile must follow their neighbours in adopting democratic rule.

"The answer, then and now, is 'no,'" said a Latin American ambassador in the Paraguayan capital, Asuncion, recently.

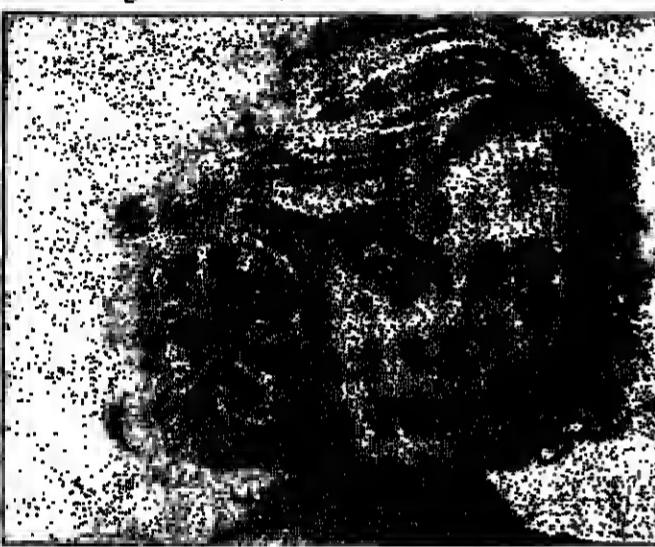
"And it is 'no' because neither Stroessner nor Pinochet believe their survival depends on good relations with the US."

Paraguay looks to its giant neighbour, Brazil, for trade, aid and co-operation on such projects as the huge Itaipu dam. Chile receives no US aid and does not depend on trade or co-operation with the United States.

TV CORNER

SUNDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 The Care Bear Cartoons
 6.30 Danger Bay: "Eye of the Storm" A boy seeks refuge in Robert's house; Nicole helps him reunite with his family.
 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islam.
 7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a half-hour show of unusual sports.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Departure." A nurse wants to leave her job for further studies; but she is persuaded by the doctors to continue her work in the desert.
 9.30 Together we Stand: "Mother Can You Spare Me a Dime." Larry raises a loan.
 Comedy.
 10.00 Hilary's World of Adventure: Tonight's episode is about a daring adventure to cross a waterfall in Australia; rodeo contests are also featured.
 11.20 Best Seller: "Jacqueline Kennedy."
 12.40 News Summary
 12.45 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Wildfire: "Strangers in the Night." Cartoons.



A stranger seems to change Maddie's life, in Moonlighting, Tuesday.

This week on KTV 2

6.30 Scuba World: a trip to the Gulf of Mexico — and a look at diving.
 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events.
 7.30 Mr. Belvedere: "Deportation." Part II. Mr. Belvedere has been arrested for staying illegally in the U.S. Will he be deported or find a way out? Starring: Christopher Hewett.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Murder. She Wrote: "Curse of the D." One morning, Alice finds Richard has locked himself in the library. She gets help, and they break open the door. Inside the room, they find Richard's body. A ruby pendant is missing. Starring: Angela Laoshury.
 9.30 National Geographic: "Realm of the Alligator." A look at alligators inhabiting the swamps of western Florida.
 10.30 Pokerface: Crawley is recognised; his cover blown, he is at the end of this tether.

TUESDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.15 Pole Position: Cartoons
 6.30 Punky Brewster: "Changes." Part 4. Punky is adopted by a rich family, who give her everything she ever wanted. But she is still unhappy ... Starring: Soleil Moon-Fry.
 7.00 The Natural World: "The Vanishing Earth." A look at agrarian problems.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Moonlighting: Maddie meets an exciting young man on the train and, perhaps, falls in love? Starring: Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis.
 9.30 Gunne A Break: More comedy with Nell Carter.
 10.00 Twilight Zone: "The World Next Door." An inventor discovers a new world — in his lab.
 10.30 Made for TV Movie: "Foxfire Light." News Summary
 12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Note: European Championship Semifinals may be shown today. If soccer is shown, some programmes may be cancelled.

WEDNESDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.15 Rainbow Brite: Cartoons
 6.30 Times of the World: "Asian Melody." A look at music in the Far East.
 7.30 Growing Pains: "The Awful Truth." The children learn that their parents have divorced.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Buck James: "Top Secret." Dr. James tries to save the life of an army pilot and gets into trouble with the army.
 9.30 Wildlife on One: "Odd



A woman is in hot pursuit of Sledge Hammer, Wednesday.

10 pm:
 Noses of Borneo.
 10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Wild About Hammer." A policewoman falls in love with Hammer.
 11.00 Private Eye: "Both Sides of ...". Jack is hired to solve a case of blackmail.
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Transformers: Cartoons
 6.30 Out of this World: Playing With ... "Eve learns how to freeze time ... and practices her skill.
 7.00 Disney's Sunday Movie: "Young Again."
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 The Beast and the Beast: "Shares of Grey." Vincent and his father are in grave danger — and are missing. Will Catherine find them in time to help them? Starring: Linda Perlman.
 9.30 227: "Father's Day." Calvin's father pays a visit ...
 10.00 Guinness Book of World Record
 10.30 A Wiseguy: "The Blood Dance." A Latin American plots a coup in his country and asks Neil for a loan. Meanwhile, Vinnie and Neil are at odds. Starring: Ken Wahl.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 She Ra: Cartoons
 6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show of young viewers. Today, Toby Taylor's story.
 7.00 P.M. Magazine: "Celebrity Profiles." A one-hour variety show.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes
 9.05 Spenser for Hire: Robert Urich plays Spenser, a private eye, who helps people sort out their troubles.
 10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: Huxtable plans to buy a new car and hopes to get credit ...
 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Baffled." 1972. Starring: Loretta Swit, Susan Hampshire, Vera Miles, Rachel Roberts. Contrived but enjoyable race-against-time thrill-

KTV 1 weekly highlights

Kuwaiti film director Khalid Siddik is a guest on Film Min Kitab, Tuesday, KTV 1.

Safya Al Omari in Thursday's Arabic film, Al Fahameen, KTV 1.

11.15 Ghaddar Tabdan Al Hayat: part 2, featuring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fazl, Ghaneem Al Salih, Khalid Al Obaid.

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TUESDAY

12.15 Silver Spoons: English

Wednesday

12.15 Shahab Wa Riyada: "People and Sports." Weekly local show on sports in Kuwait.

11.15 Keep Fit: English feature film, starring George Formby, Kay Walsh.

6.00 Bushra Wa Bandqat: children's serial, featuring Abdul Rahman Ahu Zahra, Liza.

4.15 Al Hisab: Arabic play, with Omar Al Heraihi, Nahid Jabar, Ahmad Khalil, Nadya Ezzat.

7.15 The World About Us: documentary

10.45 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durraya Sharif Al Din. This episode features a Sudanese writer Tayeb Mohammad Saleh and Kuwaiti film director Khalid Al Siddik.

THURSDAY

12.15 International Circus.

1.30 Fawaz Al Memashat: featuring Yahya Fakhravi, Sabrin, Hala Fuad.

4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays debonair detective Simon Templar.

FRIDAY

10.15 Al Saif Al Makhoud: children's serial, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazem, Ali Al Mufeedi, Awatif Mohammed.

11.45 Late Night Variety Show: directed by Ghafir Fadel.

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SUNDAY

12.15 Live entertainment by the World Machine Band.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Sheraton

Nightly dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt Room offers a la carte. Tarboche on the roof features a variety of Lebanese cuisine on

SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswaharathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varughese - 4314511; Thomas Perumpaniy - 4810490 ext. 207; Vergheze Paradyil - 2422973.

HOTELS

At the Meridian

Al Fungao Tea Lounge features a selection of coffee, tea and juice. Live entertainment in the evening is provided. Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

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SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK director Sarab Macarimbang - Tel: 4843447.

DRIVE-IN

Laila Al Kabz Al Bakaiza Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)

Starring: Suhair Babii, Issad Yunus

Fahade Open-Air Bulundi (Hindi)

Starring: Raj Kumar

Ahmed Drive-In Hand Gun

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran.
 9.15 Good Morning
 9.30 Rabiat Haul Al Alam cartoon serial

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Saqat: last episode, featuring Tahiya Karioka, Daliah Abdul Aziz, Raja Al Jadawi.

11.15 Ila Abu Wa Ammi Ma's Tahiya: (To Mother and Father, With Regards); last episode. Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahd, Ismandan Tawfiq.

12.15 Al-Ba'l Al Matba'h: a programme on Arabic cooking.

1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via Satellite

2.00 Songs and Music

2.35 Bahoul: Arabic serial, starring Fadiya Khitham, Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qassas. Social drama.

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Paul McCartney: present for fans back in the USSR

Rocking behind the Iron Curtain

PAUL McCARTNEY is taking the best of rock 'n' roll behind the Iron Curtain.

He has signed a contract to release an album only in the Soviet Union this autumn, according to reports in Moscow. It will include 13 classics from the Fifties and Sixties.

In an interview with the Communist youth paper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, the former Beatle describes the album as a gift to his fans in the Soviet Union.

He says: "The new spirit of friendship and openness that is coming from the Soviet Union inspired me to make a present to my fans in your country."

In the 1960s, when Beatlemania swept the West, the group was sharply criticised in the Soviet media as "degenerate".

But records were smuggled in from the West and the Beatles became widely popular among Soviet youth. The official attitude eventually softened and a few of the group's albums were released in the Soviet Union.

However, the official Press still publishes occasional articles warning that rock music could undermine Soviet values.

One indication of the softening of attitudes in the Kremlin is the fact that youngsters are organising a three-day "rock against drugs" concert in Moscow.

With a little bit of help from the past

DOES Wet Wet Wet's vastly successful cover version of a boar old Beatles song prove once again that when it comes to boosting even the most prosperous of careers, you can't do better than covering a rusty old tune everyone else has forgotten?

The Glasgow band's With a Little Help From My Friends proves triumphantly at No 1, in the UK charts yet again that — when it comes to boosting even the most prosperous of careers — you can't do better than covering a rusty old tune everyone else has forgotten.

Look at Boy George. Hopelessly out of favour, both with his fieks fans and the even more fickle Press, he sprinted back to No. 1 last summer with a reggae-ish stab at David Gates' Everything I Own True, it wasn't much cop, but most of the sprogs who bought it weren't old enough to remember Ken Boothe's 1974 version, on which it was unashamedly based.

Sadly the Boy was unable to follow it up — later singles were even worse — but you can't say he didn't have the opportunity.

Then there were the Pet Shop Boys. It would, of course, be a considerable feat to find an act who have been much more successful in Europe in the past year: The hit singles have rained down upon us, and their album, Actually, was an immaculate distillation of pop influences which sold millions of copies.

But their biggest hit so far has been a cover version, Always On My Mind, recorded for a TV retrospective on Elvis Presley. It's a wonderful song in its original incarnation, and what a bass they made of it.

But within seconds of its release, up it shot to No. 1, where it stayed all over Christmas, earning pots of money. As is the Wet Wet Wet song, but not curiously enough, for Wet Wet Wet.

With a Little Help From My Friends was originally recorded for the terminally-hip rock paper New Musical Express, which had come up with the inspired idea of inviting current groups and performers to reinterpret tracks from The Beatles' Sergeant Pepper album.

The resultant collection, Sergeant Pepper Knew My Father, was initially released on mail order but proved so popular that last month it was commercially released by Island. The proceeds of the whole project go to Chidilane, a charity which seeks to provide aid for children in trouble, and a worthy cause indeed.

It's hard to imagine, though, that Wet Wet Wet ever expected their recording — executed for a low-key charity compilation — to become the best-selling single in the country.

What's odd about it, I think, is that it's remarkably similar to

the original. Okay, it has been recorded with the benefit of modern 256-track technology, with each note no doubt laid down separately over about six months. It's all so much cleaner than Ringo's rather cack-handed interpretation, those thousands of years ago. But otherwise it's quite faithful.

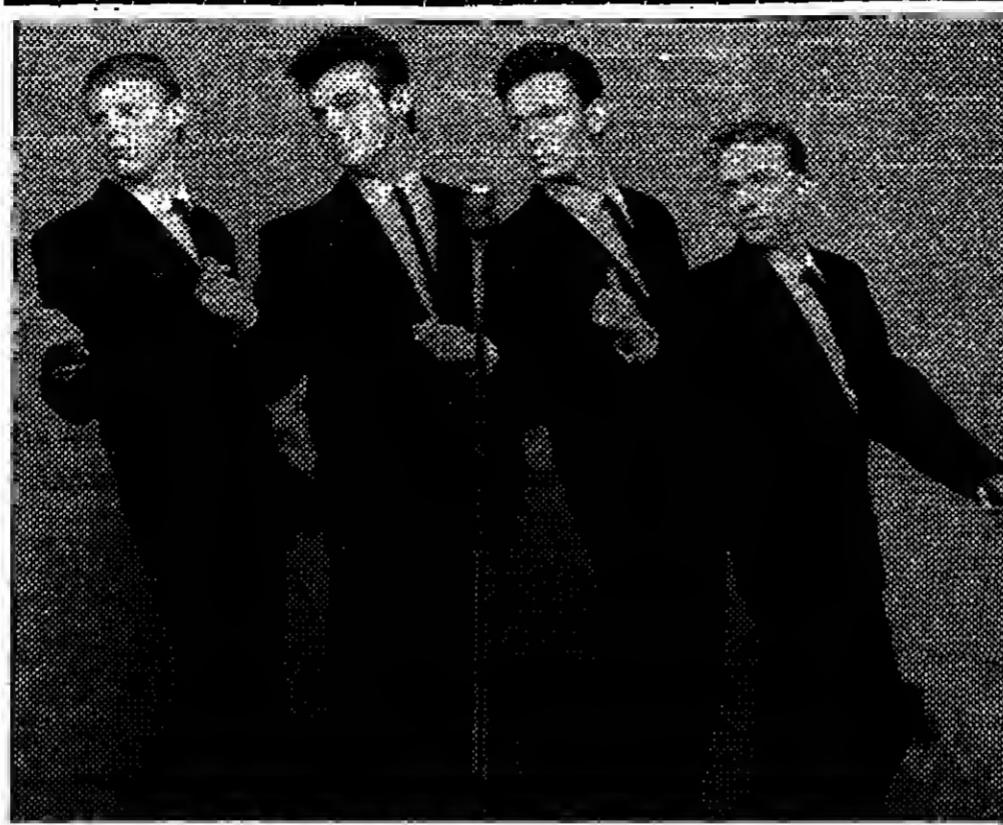
The only substantial difference is in the vocal. Marti Pellow is the sort of singer who has obviously listened to far too much Ella Fitzgerald in his time.

He likes to tamper with a tune, knock it about a bit, pull it inside out and then throw it out of the window.

His is no mere voice, but a voice, like Mick Hucknall's of Simply Red — dominating the song, rendering the arrangement almost irrelevant, and never stopping for a moment. Wet Wet Wet songs are usually characterised by Pellow wailing over every last bar, storming across innocent melodies like Hurricane Bertha.

Pity.

Nevertheless, his performance on With a Little Help From My Friends is remarkably restrained, and his few indulgences actually adorn the song admirably. For me, it's by a long way the best thing the



Wet, Wet, Wet: chart success with old Beatles hit

group has ever done.

It's only a pity that the original Beatles recordings no longer have the same impact. For the past five years, EMI has been re-releasing the Fab Four's singles on the 20th anniversary of their original issue, and after a couple of chart places (most notably Love Me Do), which reached No. 4, they haven't done an awful lot (the next one, incidentally, is Hey Jude in September).

The popularity of With a Little Help From My Friends is undoubtedly more to do with Wet Wet Wet than The Beatles. Just as You Keep Me Hanging In has now seen as a hit for Kim Wilde rather than the Supremes.

Even those old troupers The Stranglers managed the trick earlier this year, by turning The Kinks' All Day and All of the Night into a top-five single and making it their own.

The game is to find a song that's good (i.e. middle-aged radio programmers will remember it), but totally unknown to anyone under 18 (pre-1972). By recording it in the modern style (kids don't like anything that sounds too raw) but otherwise leaving it alone, you can virtually guarantee yourself an enormous hit.

If you have the chutzpah of the Pet Shop Boys, you can murder it and still have an enormous hit.

If you're really clever, you don't even re-record it at all. Observe the Jackson Five, whose I Want You Back, from 1970, has been remixed for 1988 — cleaned up and given a heavier backbeat, in other words. Sneakily credited to "Michael Jackson And The Jackson Five" — to ride the Wacko wagon to the full — it's cruised shamelessly into the top ten.

A final thought on the matter. Remember UB40, the socially-aware etc., multi-racial reggae band? Their biggest selling album so far is Labour of Love, a complete record of cover versions. I rest my case, in fact.

Rick Astley tops American charts

NEW YORK (AP): Rick Astley took over the top of the single pop record charts in the United States with his new hit Together Forever. The discopped up from second place a week ago.

George Michael's One More Try slipped from number one to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart, while Debbie Gibson's Foolish Beat moved up one notch to third.

Last week's number three hit, Shattered Dreams by Johnny Hates Jazz, topped to 10th position.

The week's only newcomer to the ten top pop list was Alphabet Street by Prince, up from 11th to 9th.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, Randy Travis stayed on for a second week as number one on the Cash Box magazine chart with I Told You So. Billy Joe Royal's Out Of Sight and On My Mind was second, and Tanya Tucker's If It Don't Come Easy was third.

Top Ten US

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Together Forever — Rick Astley (RCA).

2. (1) One More Try — George Michael (Columbia).

3. (4) Foolish Beat — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).

4. (6) Make It Real — The Jets (MCA).

5. (5) Everything Your Heart Desires — Daryl Hall and John Oates (Arista).

6. (7) Dirty Diana — Michael Jackson (Epic).

7. (8) Circle in the Sand — Belinda Carlisle (MCA).

8. (10) The Valley Road — Bruce Hornsby and the Range (RCA).

9. (11) Alphabet Street — Prince (Paisley Park - Warner Brothers).

10. (3) Shattered Dreams — Johnny Hates Jazz (Virgin).



George Michael: slipped to No. 2

Travis (Warner Brothers).

2. (3) Out of Sight and on My Mind — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).

3. (5) If It Don't Come Easy — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).

4. (4) He's Back and I'm Blue — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).

5. (8) Fullin' Again — Alabama (RCA).

6. (7) Wildflowers — Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris (Warner Brothers).

7. (10) Love of a Lifetime — Larry Steve, Rudy (The Gatlin Brothers) (Columbia).

8. (11) Satisfy You — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).

9. (2) What She Is (Is a Woman in Love) — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).

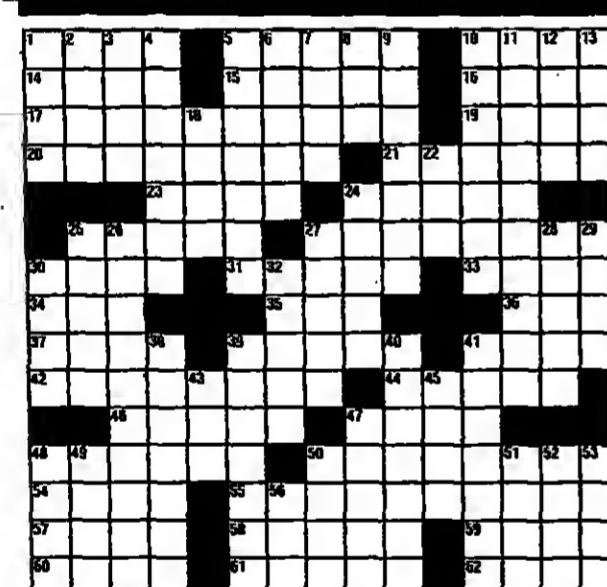
10. (13) If You Change Your Mind — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).

The ten top Country-Western singles, as rated by cash box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) I Told You So — Randy

By Grant Parker and Johnny Hart

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Theatrical characters
- 5 Like a windmill
- 10 "— Wars"
- 14 Colorful fish
- 15 Eaten away
- 18 Land of the Incas
- 19 Virologist's instrument
- 20 Ona who classifies
- 21 Part of PTA
- 23 Lack of means
- 24 Sports
- 25 Word with park or song
- 27 Certain lenses
- 30 Gives
- 31 Grassly surface
- 33 Ibsen heroine
- 34 Hockey great
- 35 100 square meters
- 36 tent
- 37 Hebrew prophet
- 39 Tuscan commune
- 41 Airport sights
- 42 Has regard for
- 44 Hide away
- 45 Picnic hams
- 47 Autocrat
- 48 Name given
- 50 Place for a parking lot picnic
- 54 African antelope
- 55 Instruments on a submarine
- 57 Lager and stout
- 58 Major happening
- 59 Actor Arthur
- 60 Roosevelt biographer Joseph

DOWN

- 61 Has a nap
- 62 Shopper's delight
- 63 Singers Mel
- 64 Astrologers' output
- 65 Feels for
- 66 It is stranger than fiction
- 67 Head of a comet
- 68 Sacred bull of ancient Egypt
- 69 Plant pouches
- 70 Chairs of state
- 71 Dickey
- 72 Formed a curve
- 73 Queen of Jordan
- 74 Intuition, for short
- 75 Part of a pool
- 76 Marked by simplicity
- 77 Star-gazers' instruments
- 78 Isles off the Irish coast
- 79 Reddish-brown shade
- 80 City near Provo, Utah
- 81 Mismire
- 82 Bridge expert
- 83 Singer Mel
- 84 Astrologers' output
- 85 Feels for
- 86 It is stranger than fiction
- 87 Drains
- 88 Male guinea pigs
- 89 Bides one's time
- 90 Famous steps in Rome
- 91 Run like a rabbit
- 92 Lends a hand
- 93 Technical terminologies
- 94 English cathedral city
- 95 Soft mineral
- 96 Corrupt
- 97 Oft-used Latin abbr.
- 98 Negri of film fame
- 99 Blen
- 100 Capital of Western Samoa
- 101 Swiss hero
- 102 Being
- 103 "All About —"
- 104 Bridge expert

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

DOVE	SADIE	OMSK
APEX	ENDOLA	PACA
TERENCE	CERATTIGAN	
ANY	DONA	UNITE
HUNT	ESNE	
ADDEND	BRANDON	NEW
SEER	PARLIE	LIE
HENRY	CABOT	LODGE
ERII	ALDER	AGED
SEMINARS	MOTELS	
SKYE	BARS	
EMOTE	LURE	LIE
LAWRENCE	BITBETT	
ARNI	REATA	EVEN
MESA	ASPEN	EYRA

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♦ K 10 8
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 6 4
♣ K 10 7 6 2

♦ 7 5
♥ 6 2

♦ K Q 6 4 2
♥ A J 7 5 3

♦ A 10 8
♥ J 9 5

♦ A Q 9
♥ J 5 4

EAST

♦ A Q J 9 4 3
♥ 8 3

♦ K 7 3 2
♥ 8 3

SOUTH

♦ A Q J 9 4 3
♥ 8 3

♦ K 7 3 2
♥ 8 3

WEST

♦ A Q 9 8
♥ 10 9
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♦ A 10 8
♥ J 9 5

♦ A Q 9
♥ J 5 4

THE BIDDING:

North East South West

Pass Pass 2 ♠ Dbl

3 ♠ 4 ♠ 4 ♠ Dbl

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

ing cards in partner's suits. South's bid of four spades was a two-way action—he did not think his side had much in the way of defense (as it happens, the 2-2 spade break would be just enough for a one-trick set), and four spades might even have proved makable.

Against most players, that would have been an accurate assessment. Unfortunately, he was up against stalwart defenders. East overtook his partner's king of hearts with the ace to shift to the jack of diamonds. That ran to dummy's queen. Since the only hope for the contract was to set up the clubs to take care of a second diamond loser, declarer came to hand with a trump and led a club. West continued with the fine work of the defenders by inserting the queen.

This trick was won by dummy's king, and when a club came back it was again East's turn to take center stage. He shot up with the jack of clubs and reverted to diamonds, and two tricks in that suit spelled *fais* to declarer's bopes.

South's third-hand opening bid was a classic vulnerable weak two-bid. West's double and North's raise were standard, and East elected to compete on the strength of his five-card suit and potentially work-

THE WIZARD OF OZ

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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THAT'S A GRASSHOPPER. THEY ATTRACT THEIR MATES BY

By John Harvey-Jones
I HAVE never met Donald Trump and consider myself fortunate to have so far avoided that honour.

I do not have anything against him, but I do have a certain attachment to my house and to sundry other properties and simple necessities of life, like my shoe faces, which I fear might be lost in the course of a pre-dinner white wine with him.

There is no doubt that whoever loses in a deal with Mr. Trump, it does not seem to be him. If it ever was, I am sure that he would be the last man to recognise it, and even slower to acknowledge it.

Trump: The Art of the Deal is not short on self-esteem. The first 30 pages purport to outline a typical working week, and I cannot remember ever ploughing through such determined name-dropping over so many pages.

The whole thing is like a Black Forest cuckoo clock, with a continuous cycle of the famous and admired being allowed to put their heads out and make appropriate noises every half-hour, for five days (and 28 pages) on end. Even the most resounding cuckoo is limited to the same 30 minutes.

It may be difficult to struggle through the self-love and the emphasis on those met (and worsted) in "epic" and "mould breaking" deals. But the book does improve, and becomes easier to read towards the centre.

Concept

There is a compulsive interest as Mr. Trump demonstrates the prime skill of the deal maker — to avoid the down-side risk — as be relives, and re-enjoys, his triumphs again and again.

The ability to keep everyone banging in the air until he is finally ready is Trump's real, and endless, trick. This process involves creating misleading impressions to all those with whom he is negotiating.

He claims to, and plainly does, like the complicated deal where it is necessary to complete simultaneously a whole series of interlocked and interdependent, yet separately

Trump card

The art of dealing in money by the master practitioner himself: Donald Trump.



Donald Trump: Not short on self-esteem.

negotiated, agreements.

Trump pushes the concept of caveat emptor to new levels. He always stops just short of a direct lie, but glories in his willingness to mislead, even at some considerable cost.

I do not know many business men who would revel in the story of hiring every earth-moving vehicle for miles around and setting them to do totally useless work in order to deceive those from whom he was inviting support.

Always it is other people's money he is after; while ensuring that his own is tucked away safely in any one of his modest pads, for example in New York or Florida. (What does he do in

the other 255 rooms?)

His genuine surprise when he at last meets a man who stands by his word (and is of course worsted in the process), is fascinating to behold. The fact that this straightforward, upright and, in my experience, pretty typical businessman is described as a "real gentleman" is considered more than adequate reward for his producing the foundations for the Trump Tower. So, all in all, if any reader should have it in mind to do business with Trump, I would have to suggest that he take a cold shower and think again.

I found it a sad feature of the book that the man does have a

major talent, which most of us would envy, although he hardly seems to be aware of what it is. Nowhere is there any explanation on analysis of what is truly a great skill — namely an ability to manage vast construction projects and hire them in on time and on, or even below, the cost estimate.

He supplies a simplistic description of value engineering and a definition of depreciation which would give any accountant heart failure, but no real indication of how, time after time, he succeeds where others have failed.

He plainly has a terrier-like energy and a determination to keep after a problem, and would not be able to live easily with public failure. Yet these characteristics are not enough to explain why he can take a disaster like the Wollman Ice-rink in Central Park and bring it to a successful (and well-publicised) completion.

His description of his management philosophy is parasitical. "Fire the best people away from your competitors, pay them more and give them bonuses and incentives based on performance." He does not make much effort to grow people, or to put anything back into the pot.

One wonders how business would continue if every leader saw his role in such simple terms. Moreover, since the Trump organisation appears to be a private company, the "proprietor" indulges in continual idiosyncratic interventions on trivia. Nowhere does he explain how he communicates with his troops, for whom I imagine this book will be compulsory and illuminating reading.

Yet Mr. Trump has achievements to his credit of which he can be justifiably proud. I do not think that reading this book will give anyone the secret of how to make money. For all businessmen there are nuggets hidden within. But I have to say that it takes a strong stomach and determined prospect to find them.

TRUMP: The Art of the Deal
by Donald Trump
with Tony Schwartz
Century Hutchinson
£12.95

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spectacularly. Salman Rushdie got \$850,000 for his next novel, Fay Weldon £450,000 for her new three. Back in New York, Tom Wolfe is rumoured to have made \$1.5 million for the paperback rights to his bestselling novel *The Bonfire of The Vanities*.

There are signs of similar inflation at the pulp end. Jackie Collins is getting \$15 million for her next three door-stops. Barbara Taylor ("A Woman of Substance") Bradford \$9 million for hers. The lesser-known Tom Clancy is getting \$3 million for her next three spy thrillers; the unknown (except

bler). Wilson makes him sound like one's dream opponent across the poker table, the man who has bet on every hand.

Perhaps Tolstoy became a novelist because fiction is the only form of gambling where the gambler controls the odds himself.

A novelist of any kind is a master of fate, making events happen no matter how improbable.

The novelist's other great privilege is to re-edit his own life, and those of people around him.

Tolstoy shows this side of Tolstoy exceptionally well. At times the effect is chilling, as when Tolstoy stores up his brother's deathbed scene (in which he himself behaved badly) and produces a more noble version for Anna Karenina.

Creative

Tolstoy's creative — and uncreative — history was closely linked to the state of his marriage, which lasted 48 years.

Like his subject, Wilson is best at the close-up shot. He has a particular flair for the low comedy which accompanied much of Tolstoy's life.

Tolstoy comes to believe that all men could discover the meaning of life by making their own footwear. The theory proved to be a load of cobblers, and for years Tolstoy mortified his feet to no purpose with his own rotten shoes.

The first 15 years went well. Sofya made his house clean and comfortable, stopped him losing money, and bore eight of their 13 children.



Tolstoy: A gambling idealist

In these years he produced War and Peace and Anna Karenina.

Her contribution to his masterpiece was more than a well-run home, happiness, and creative suggestions and nagging. She was the only person who could read his handwriting (be often failed).

Without her his manuscripts could never have been printed.

In those years he and Sofya had the kind of quarrels which couples used to celebrate their marriage rather than destroy it.

Later the quarrels took over.

They finally drove him to his terrible death in a remote railway station, under the macabre gaze of Pathe newsreel cameras.

Wilson's book is less happy when it deals with Tolstoy's politics, philosophy, and critical theories.

These are a hard task for any modern biographer since so many are either blind allies

(pacifism, anarchism), dandy (the merits of shoemaking) or outrightly unpleasant (women's only role is in bear 20 children).

Wilson's own idiosyncratic political views are largely suppressed. But he does attempt a defence of Tolstoy's enemy Pobedonostev, a reactionary racist bigot who was the Tsar's main adviser.

He was a mixture of Norman Tebbit without the charm, Mary Whitehouse without the humour, Jean-Marie Le Pen without the tolerance. His advice led to a police state and vicious persecutions of Jews and other imagined enemies of the Tsarist state.

Pobedonostev is a rare indulgence in a biography which makes one long to re-read War and Peace on a huge train journey.

Tolstoy by A.N. Wilson, published by Hamish Hamilton £16.95.

Serious money for serious authors

By Tim De Lisle

RECENTLY it was reported that Margaret Atwood, the noted but hardly world-famous novelist, had been paid an advance of \$2 million (£1,072,000) for her next two books. And that is just for the North American rights. So much for the writer in his (or her) garret.

Million-dollar advances are nothing new, of course. Big books command big bucks, and authors like Judith Krantz (£3.2 million for *Princess Daisy*) were it seven figures several years ago. But they are pulp merchants supplying sex-drenched melodrama to supermarket, stations and airports.

Margaret Atwood is a kettle of different fish. She is an eminently serious, somewhat gloomy, 48-year-old Canadian feminist. Her first novel (*The Edible Woman*, 1970) sold 4,000 copies in hardback, but she is what the business calls a grower. Her editor, Nan A. Talese, says her latest (*The Handmaid's Tale*, 1986) has

written of low-brow fiction are used to million-dollar advances but recently Margaret Atwood, a literary heavyweight was paid over \$2 million for her next two books, underscoring the boom in the publishing world today.

sold 30,000 in hard covers and just under a million in soft, with more to come when it is adapted for the cinema by Harold Pinter.

Her editor is important, because she has just moved jobs, from Houghton & Mifflin to Doubleday, and the \$2 million was by way of a golden hello to persuade Margaret Atwood to go with her. "There can be no question," Nan A. Talese says, "that Margaret has earned this." And Nan A. should know: she is married to Gay Talese, the author and exponent of New Journalism, and the \$2.5 million Manhattan townhouse where she lives was acquired soon after he wrote a blockbuster study of the New York Times called *The Kingdom and The Power*.

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Millionaire authors (left to right): Sally Beauman, James Clavell, Jackie Collins, joined by feminist writer Margaret Atwood.

as a journalist) Sally Beauman got \$1 million for the current chart-topper "Destiny." And the well-known but not consistently mega-selling James Clavell got \$5 million for a single epic, *Whirlwind*.

Not all of these big outlays have paid off. Whirlwind, says a New York literary editor, was not the hit its publishers (the Hearst Corporation) expected.

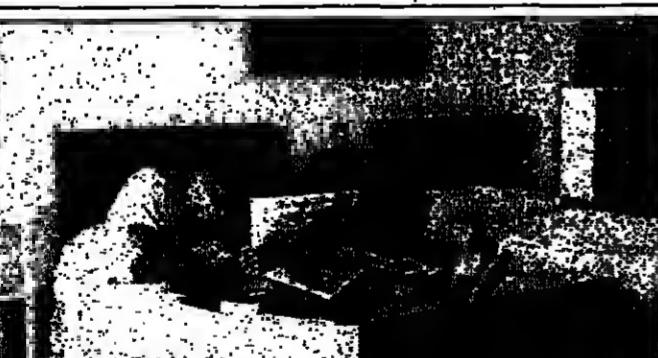
It would be a mistake to think that more than a few authors command these sums. There remains another literary world, where first novelists are grateful to be offered \$5,000 or £3,000 against a 7.5 per cent

royalty, and literary agents do not take tax lawyers into editors' offices with them.

That world views the world of which it is now the underside with "a mixture of incredulity and consternation," says one London literary editor (and author) — "as if authors had no business to be writing."

Fifteen years ago, in a remark he will never be allowed to forget, Michael Holroyd wrote: "In the 1970s, men of letters are the undeserving poor." In the 1980s, they are just as likely to be the well, more or less deserving rich.

Telling tales about Papa



Hemingway: new insights

THE latest slab of Hemingwayana is the bandwagon of a cast of hundreds. Papa's friends, enemies, doctors, psychiatrists, ex-wives, children, bullfighters, bauhaus, boxers, biographers, the FBI agents who tailed him, anyone still around and willing to talk, or who talked once upon a time, rounded up, pressed for their memories, and slotted into sequence by a clever editor, Denis Brian in *The Faces of Hemingway*.

The book is thus at least as interesting for the insights it offers into the friends of Hemingway as for the ones it provides into Hemingway himself.

He was, of course, a man of contradictions. The painter, Henry Strater, claims Papa got him drunk, sandbagged him and stole his prize fish. "He was a real s.o.b." Asked if Ernesto

was actually a shy man behind the macho mask Strater snaps: "He was shy like one of those police dogs."

Compare this with the assertion of William Walton, a firm and clear recurring witness in the book, "He was enormously shy."

And so it goes in ever more complicated knots with the friends of Ernest Hemingway scrambling ever more enthusiastically for a piece of the true image. Something about this book reminds me of the fact that at the height of medieval relic-mania there were more than a hundred churches in Christendom claiming to own Christ's foreskin.

Denis Brian makes a special effort to separate the man from

the myth on the following issues: Was Hemingway a repressed homosexual, a coward, shy, a communist, an inveterate liar. Only the last question gets unqualified yes/no.

Before I read this book I knew nothing about Princess Di and Fergie, except that one tended to look more like Cilla Black — on commemoration mugs and the other more like Lulu. After reading this book I know a little more. Here is a complete list:

1. The Archbishop of Canterbury would not permit the broadcasting by radio of the marriage of George VI to the Queen Mother, in case the service was heard by men in public houses wearing hats.

2. Princess Di reads everything written about her.

3. She sometimes wears previously photographed clothes to give photographers a bad time.

4. In France she is called La-Di-Di.

5. The first royal wedding to take place in public was the Duke of Connaught's in 1919. You will notice from this list

that only three of the facts are about Princess Di and none at all about Fergie. This suggests that Princess Di is more interesting than Fergie, and also, I am afraid, that the Duke of Connaught is too.

I would like to know why Nicholas Courtney has put only five interesting facts into his book. One theory is that in his two previous books on her, Diana, Princess of Wales and Diana, Princess of Fashion,

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Stereotypes attempt to shake off hackneyed image

...And now for something completely different

Make-up, costumes, hair-do, wigs, beards and also an overall style of facing the camera, are some of the props used by stars to change their image in an industry where the range of roles is extremely limited and stereotypes the norm. In this pictorial feature our Bombay correspondent highlights some of the recent transformations.

AFTER a certain time lapse, every star, big or small, feels the need for a change. It is probably because the 'set image' which once contributed to their success begins to lose its charm. In other countries, stars often resort to taking up a variety of contrasting characters. But in the Indian cinema, the range of roles is very limited and the industry mostly goes by stereotypes.

Hence the stars effect a change in image, by reshaping their physical appearance, through make-up, costumes, hair-do, wigs, beards and also an overall style of facing the camera. In the accompanying pictorial feature, we can see how stars are transforming themselves to look somewhat new in their new films, though all may not succeed in that.

A typical case is that of Rohini Hattangady. She initially made a big impression by playing Kasturba, the wife of Mahatma Gandhi in Attborough's highly-acclaimed



Dilip Tahil: attempting to look older with greying hair and a full beard

film. She also performed a serious elderly role with Anupam Kher in Mahesh Bhatt's Saaransh. After those performances she was typecast in motherly roles, although she is quite young in age. Even in Shatranj she had to play Amitabh's mother although she is younger than him!

That's why Rohini tried out a different kind of vampish girl in Jawa. But it was not well-received. Now, she has again made herself trim and stylish after a lot of dieting and exercising, to play the villain's accomplice in Hero Hiratal, though in a supporting role. But her full-fledged attempt at change will be seen in Dinesh Thakkar's Waqt Ki Zanjeer, where for the first time she plays a naught-girl or 'mujrewali'. It is her answer to Umrao Jaan as the story revolves around her abduction in childhood, to a house of ill-repute.

She becomes a popular dancer, but maintains her chastity, except for one love affair.

Another artiste who keeps experimenting is Anupam Kher. He has an unusual role of a handicapped father in Mere Baad with Rakhee. He has also donned a different look for Uttar Dakshin. But by and large he has been type-cast as a slimy villain in commercial films. So to look somewhat new every time, he adopts weird make-up and disguises. For one this, he prefers to go completely bald like Amrish Puri. But when film makers decide to put something on that too. His curly wig, in the centre of the head for Mast Kalandar must be seen to be believed. The same is being done by the other baddie Sandesh Amritsh. Has also to try some tricks as in Waris, Makaabat Ke Dushman, Naissafi etc.

Gulshan Grover is one actor who takes special pains to look a different villain in every film, though sometimes it becomes a little contrived. He himself plans out his make-up, hairstyle and clothes with bizarre trappings. In Zalzala he tied his long hair tightly and even made a female bun with a ribbon.

In other films, he puts grey patches on combed hair, wears frightening glasses or lockets, medals and button on his dress, or looks totally unkempt with ruffled hair, coarse cloth and iron on the wrist.

Danny also tries a few disguises, though he prefers to be himself, except for wearing military-type outfits. Dilip Tahil put on a full beard to look elderly and harsh in Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak and change his young image in the TV serial Basayad. Bob Christo and Mamtaji are the permanent baldies who can be identified only from their shining heads.

Not only the character artistes, but even heroes and heroines feel the need for some change. Smita Patil tried out free-wheeling and was successful with Khudgarz. Now, she will again be the simple, awkward villager in Billoo Basish and Jawan. The versatile Naseeruddin keeps trying a number of images, like a cowboy in Action or a rich Yankee in Maata Meatl, Anil Kapoor and Poonam in Kasum and Raj



Jaya Prada: trying on a trendy image for Ustad

Kumar, Hema, Sunjay Dutt and Farha for Makaabat Ke Dushman tried to look like semi-tribals.

Meenakshi looks a learned journalist wearing glasses in

Dev Anand's coming film Sachche Ka Bolba. Dimple and Anita Raj have put on tribal trappings for Faista. Deepa Sahi has become a glamorous actress for Hero Hiratal.



Deepa Sahi: her version of a glamorous movie star in Hero Hiratal

Hiratal. Jaya Prada has worn fashionable wigs and shiny dresses for Sadhu Sant and Ustad, just as Sri Devi has tried contact lenses and weird hair decorations in Guru. Hema

Malini is sliding into the clothing of lawyers or saints to suit her age. By far, the funniest is Govinda as Superman and Kimi Katkar as Spiderwoman flying around in a recent film.



Rohini Hattangady: plays a naught-girl in Waqt Ki Zanjeer. Quite a change from her role as Kasturba in Attborough's Gandhi.



Shatrughan Sinha in his new-found image as a simple villager.



Dimple and Anita go tribal in Faista.

Feroze Rangoonwalla's column will now appear every Thursday in the Arab Times.

Behind the Screen

Rakesh Roshan has become so over-confident with the success of Khudgarz (based on an English plot) that he has started advising other producers. Here are his pearls of wisdom: "Bold subject, treatment, and unexplored locations are the three really important things. We should wear away the public from their videos to something that can be enjoyed on the big screen and in the darkness of the cinema hall." Rakesh must be asked whether it is also important to copy the subject. His latest Khoon Bhari Maang has been lifted from Return To Eden and that too from the video. +

Someone played a dirty practical joke after Poonam and her husband went on a honeymoon to Europe. Anil and Boney Kapoor got a midnight call.

A cameraman has also turned a playback singer, like some stars. Mammooh Singh, photographer of Waris has sung the song Merc Pyar Ki Umar Ho Itai Sanam with Lata Mangeshkar for the same film. Is this Singh planning to turn from the camera to the mike? +

Natwar Theatre in Jaigaon shows the TV serial Ramsays every Sunday morning. It is on a big TV set, with an enlarged



Anil Kapoor (left) and Poonam: victims of a practical joke

image projection. The show is held free and the whole town comes to see it with religious devotion. This is the first case of a cinema theatre which screens a TV serial. +

N. Chandra who is making Tezah has so much trouble from his stars Anil Kapoor, Madhuri, Chunky that he has now added Suresh Oberoi in a "pivotal" role, to put the others in their place. Chandra does not know that having Oberoi in a film is inviting even more trouble. +

A publicity stunt for Parinda says that during one scene when Jackie crashes into a room and snatches away Anil Kapoor from the arms of Madhuri, Jackie's acting was so realistic that Madhuri fainted on the spot. If that is so, it is bad publicity for poor Jackie. He must be looking really horrible after the flop of Falak.



Raakesh Roshan: advising producers on their trade



Jackie Shroff: trying publicity stunts after the flop of Falak.

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FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

DO NOT LICK SKIN AFTER CONTACTING POISON IVY

QUESTION: I have heard that one way to keep from getting a rash from poison ivy is to lick your skin after coming in contact with the plant. Could you comment on this?

ANSWER: First let me explain what happens when people touch plants that are known to cause rashes. The plants we think of are poison ivy, oak and sumac. These plants have a resin on them which, when spread on the skin, can cause an allergic reaction.

People often think the rash itself can be spread by the liquid that may leak from the blisters formed as a result of the resin irritation and which form part of the rash of poison ivy. But, this is really not the case.

Because the rash may, at times, take up to three weeks to show itself, it is the original spread of the resin that causes these late-appearing blisters and not a continuation of the problem from blister liquid. That means that the best initial therapy is to thoroughly wash all the areas that could possibly have been exposed, to remove the resin. Clothes that have been contaminated should also be washed and if for some reason they cannot be cleaned then they should be isolated in a

well-ventilated area for three weeks.

Drugs such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl) may be prescribed to cut down on the amount of itching. Cortisone creams can be used to decrease the local inflammation and, in people with severe reactions to the plant, steroid (cortisone-like) pills or even injections may be needed. While I do not know of any literature that specifically discusses the use of saliva to reduce this annoying rash, one thing is absolutely sure. You don't want to try to wash off the resin by licking the skin. It could produce fearful lesions in your mouth and on your tongue and so ranks high on the list of "No no's."

QUESTION: Should I cut down on cholesterol in my child's diet?

ANSWER: It's a very good idea. High levels of cholesterol in the diet lead to atherosclerosis, or clogging of the arteries. It may take years for high cholesterol levels to damage arteries, but why let it start early?

Autopsies of children who have died of other causes have shown that artery clogging already has begun in some children. In addition, there is a direct link between children's diet and coronary artery disease in adults.

The trouble with saying that children should cut back on their fat and cholesterol intake is that it is hard to create a diet that does so and still gives sufficient nutrition for growth. Growing children need more protein and calcium in their diets than adults do. The American Academy of Pediatrics has made several recommendations for children's diets. The first is that infants should be breast-fed when possible or, barring that, fed infant formula for the first six months, followed by supplemental foods of cereal and fruits with whole cow's milk for the second six months. After age 1, children should receive a balanced varied diet with food from each of the four major food groups. The key word here is balanced. Diets that avoid extremes are safest for children.

The academy recommends that children older than age 2 limit fat intake to 30 percent to 40 percent of total calories. (Many processed foods now state the amounts of fat and cholesterol on their labels.) Keep to these guidelines and your child should be well on the way to healthy eating habits.

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Kuwait Fund extends \$5.4b loans to Arab and developing countries

THE Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Arab world's largest agency, extended loans totalling about \$5.4 billion to Arab and other developing countries in the past 27 years, a statement said on Thursday.

The KFAD statement said that since its establishment in 1961 through April this year it extended \$41 loans totalling KD1.5 billion to finance development projects in 64 countries.

Loans to Arab states accounted for 51.2 per cent of the figure, while 21.9 per cent went to non-Arab Islamic countries and 26.9 per cent to non-Arab and non-Islamic developing nations, the statement said.

The Fund cited Tunisia and Jordan as the key Arab beneficiaries, India and China as the largest recipients of loans in non-Arab Asia, and Senegal and Tanzania in non-Arab Africa.

The Kuwait Fund said that it also extended grants and technical assistance to 35 Arab and non-Arab states with a total value of KD21 million.

A recently published report said that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia remained the world's most generous donors, despite a sharp drop in oil prices of recent years.

Egypt cuts oil export price

CAIRO, June 17, (UPI): Non-OPEC Egypt, in a move reflecting what an official described as instability on the world market, announced yesterday a 50-cent-a-barrel reduction on its crude oil exports for the second half of June.

The cut, the first since March, lowered the price of Egypt's premium Suez blend crude to \$14.80 a barrel, said Hammad Ayyoub, vice-chairman of the Egyptian Petroleum Authority.

Lowered

Egypt, a key independent producer with close ties to OPEC's Arab Gulf producers, had kept the price of its oil exports unchanged since the mid-June.

The pricing action lowered Egypt's medium-grade Balata

KFAD's paid-up capital now amounts to KD970 million. It was established 27 years with a capital of KD50 million.

The report, published this week by the Dubai-based, English-language *Khalas Times*, estimated Arab aid to the Third World at \$4.4 billion in 1986, 20 per cent more than that of the previous year.

At the start, loans were confined to Arab states, but with the gradual increase of the capital, loans were extended to other developing nations.

Disbursements

The *Khalas Times*' report said Kuwait's overall disbursements in 1986 accounted for 2.99 per cent of its Gross National Product, the world's second highest ratio.

Other Arab national funds are the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Saudi Development Fund and the Iraqi Fund for External Development as well as another Kuwait-based agency, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

There is also the Khartoum-based Arab Bank for African Development, the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank and an aid fund attached to the International Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Plan to purchase 220 aircraft: Mishari

Arab airlines to form \$1b consortium

FOURTEEN Arab air carriers and five financial institutions have a tentative agreement to form a billion-dollar consortium to purchase up to 220 new commercial aircraft, the chairman of the Kuwait Airways Corporation said on Thursday.

"The studies conducted by the consortium show that the Arab air carriers need 220 new aircraft with an estimated cost of \$10 billion, on the basis of 1988 dollars, by the year 1995," said Ahmed Mishari, chairman of KAC.

Inaugurated

Mishari, who also chairs the project's steering committee, said that the facility will be named the Arab Aviation Finance Company and will be inaugurated in 1989.

In an interview with the Associated Press, he said the group was in the process of selecting a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study. A decision on the firm is expected by the end of June.

He said that part of the feasibility study "will be conducted at the factories of key aircraft manufacturers which also



Mishari

was prompted in large part by the aggressiveness of foreign airlines that sought to control the Arab market.

"The Arab carriers have become more convinced of the need to intensify co-operation and co-ordination to face the danger posed by giant international air carriers which threaten to monopolise the market," he said.

"Besides the financing advantage, the project will lead to the unification of aircraft specifications, methods of maintenance, training and storage of spare parts," he said.

Lobbying

Aviation sources in the Gulf said that most of Arab aircraft purchases in the coming decade will be from the manufacturers of the US Boeing and the European Airbus aircraft. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the two companies were already lobbying steering committee members about the sale.

Study

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Bangladesh imposes heavy taxes

DHAKA, June 17, (Reuters): Poverty-stricken Bangladesh has imposed heavy taxes in its new budget in a bid to cut dependence on foreign aid.

Finance Minister Mohammad Abdul Mumim delivered a surprise budget in parliament proposing new taxes totalling \$6.03 billion taka (\$192 million) yesterday.

But, he said, the country would pursue a separate annual development programme to which rich Western donors would contribute 86 per cent of the money.

Mumim announced new taxes on cigarettes, air tickets, soybean oil and insurance premiums and increases on gas, tea, motor vehicle imports and income tax.

"For reducing the dependence on foreign aid, there is no other alternative but to go in for increased mobilisation of domestic resources," he said.

Mumim's former Aranya Gen-

eral, presented his first budget since he took over as finance minister six months ago at the height of an opposition-led campaign to topple President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

He said the country's growth rate dwindled to 2.6 per cent in 1987-88 from an expected 5.1 per cent because of the political turmoil and unprecedented floods. The growth rate in 1986-87 was 4.1 per cent.

GDP

Mumim said he hoped the Gross Domestic Product would grow by 6.1 per cent in the 1988-89 fiscal year beginning on July 1 because the government would lay greater emphasis on boosting agriculture and reducing unemployment.

With an annual per capita income of \$160 Bangladesh is one of the world's poorest nations. Nearly 80 per cent of its 105 million people live below the poverty line.

"The budget proposed revenue

of \$5.69 billion taka (\$1.7 billion) compared with \$49.15 billion taka (\$1.59 billion) in 1987-88.

Expenditure was set at \$2.50 billion taka (\$1.67 billion), against \$4.81 billion taka (\$1.44 billion) in the current year.

Higher income tax and a reduction of investment concessions to higher income brackets would generate 705 million taka (\$22.38 million).

An average 20 per cent hike in the price of gas, sugar and tea would bring in another \$85 million taka (\$25.55 million).

Mumim said 9.24 billion taka (\$295 million), about 18 per cent of the budget, would be spent for defence. Another 8.40 billion taka (\$267 million), 16 per cent of the budget, was earmarked for education.

Mumim said the remaining 3.19 billion taka (\$103 million) of surplus would be spent on the annual development plan, 86 per cent of which would be financed by foreign donors.

North and South Yemen to set up joint oil company

SANA'A, June 17, (Reuters): North and South Yemen are to set up a joint venture to invest in oil exploration and development, the North Yemeni news agency Saba said.

South Yemeni Oil Minister Saleh Alhubaker Bin Hussain and North Yemeni Oil Minister Ahmed Ali Al Muhami agreed on Wednesday to set up the joint Yemeni oil company for investments and mineral resources, the agency said. The two ministers met in the border town of Taiz.

Oil has been found in the South at Shahwa and in the North at the Alf field only 200 km (125 miles) away and industry sources say the oil reserve spreads across both states.

The new company will carry out exploration and development in areas between the two existing fields.

World Business Summary

US delays two more offshore oil lease sales

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Reuters): US Interior Secretary Donald Hodel announced yesterday two more controversial sales of leases for offshore oil and gas drilling would be delayed to leave the decisions to the next administration. The sales are in the North Atlantic region from New Jersey to Canada and in the gulf of Mexico off Florida and Alabama. On June 6, the eve of the California presidential primary election, Hodel responded to political pressure from Vice-President George Bush, the probable Republican nominee for president, and delayed a plan to allow drilling in waters off a scenic section of northern California. The California drilling was opposed by many Californians and by Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, Bush's probable Democratic opponent in the November presidential election. Hodel said the delay in the California lease sale would allow the next administration to take the controversial decision of whether to allow the drilling, opposed by environmentalists and the fishing and tourist industries. Hodel said in yesterday's announcement the North Atlantic lease sale would be delayed for six months from its planned date of February 1989. Officials said that under the delay, technical planning for the sale and the invitation for bidding would be held up for the administration taking office next January. Hodel split a proposed lease sale in the gulf of Mexico into two sections, with one section going for sale as planned next November, but the other, more controversial part delayed for six months. President Reagan and Hodel have argued that all reasonable steps should be taken to find oil on US lands and offshore waters to try to avert too much reliance on foreign oil.

EEC and Comecon to sign mutual recognition pact

STRASBOURG, France, June 17, (AP): The European Parliament yesterday formally adopted the mutual recognition agreement to be signed between the European Economic Community and Comecon. The agreement will be signed by the 12-nation West European trade bloc and its 10-nation communist counterpart in Luxembourg on June 25. The European Parliament vote came after EEC Chairman Hans-Dieter Genscher hailed the "Common declaration between the Community and Comecon, which will be signed after many long years of difficult talks, (and) establishes official relations." The West German foreign minister, who will complete on June 30 his rotating six-month chairmanship, said the EEC hoped that the conclusion of agreements with member states of Comecon "will lead to increased mutual confidence and respect." Genscher said he hoped progress would be made, "notably on the issue of human rights." "All participants (to the conference on European security and co-operation in Vienna) who are still hesitant are invited to negotiate in a constructive manner," Genscher added. Under EEC law, the Parliament did not have to be consulted on the EEC-Comecon agreement which would have been signed even without its approval. But Willy De Clercq, EEC commissioner for external relations, insisted that EEC law required "consultation of the European Parliament." The EEC-Comecon agreement would mark the first time the communist trade bloc had officially recognised the EEC. Last week two Comecon members, the Soviet Union and East Germany separately asked to establish diplomatic relations with the EEC on a bilateral basis.

Saudis in \$800m joint venture with Texaco

NEW YORK, June 17, (Reuters): Texaco Inc has agreed to sell a half-interest in its eastern and southeastern US refining and marketing system to Saudi Arabia for \$800 million, Texaco said yesterday.

The deal gives the kingdom a long-sought role in refining crude oil in one of its most important markets.

The deal, also announced by Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, climaxed several months of negotiations and will save Texaco \$2 billion by cutting oil inventory and working capital costs.

Battling

The announcement came on the eve of Texaco's annual meeting of shareholders in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at which investor Carl Icahn is battling for five seats on the company's 14-member board. Icahn is trying to take over the company.

Analysts said Texaco's deal with the Saudis would probably not shift the balance of power in the fight for the board seats.

The agreement was made with the Saudi government-owned Arabian American Oil Company, often referred to as ARAMCO. The deal involves assets in 23 states in the eastern United States and on the Gulf of

Mexico, as well as in the District of Columbia.

Texaco is in the midst of a programme to dispose of \$5 billion of holdings in a restructuring. On June 6 it announced it would sell its West German unit, Deutsche Texaco, for over \$1.2 billion.

The relationship between Texaco and Saudi Arabia, one of the world's largest oil producers and largest exporter, goes back 50 years. Texaco, Exxon Corp., Mobil Corp and Chevron Corp are operating partners with Saudi Arabia in ARAMCO.

Contribute

Texaco said ARAMCO's Saudi Refining Inc unit will provide 75 per cent of the joint venture's initial inventory, estimated at 30 million barrels of crude oil and oil products, and each partner will contribute its 50 per cent share of net working capital other than inventory.

Texaco said: "By sharing the inventory and working capital, Texaco expects to achieve approximately \$2 billion in cash benefits and savings from the formation of the joint venture."

The company said the venture will have the right to buy up to 600,000 barrels per day of crude oil from Saudi Arabia at prevailing

market prices and will have the exclusive use of the Texaco trademark for marketing petrol, diesel fuel and home heating oil in the 23-state region.

Some analysts criticised Texaco for cutting a hard deal and not getting a high enough price.

Bargain

"The Saudis drove a very hard bargain," said one analyst, who asked not to be identified. "They took advantage of the situation — Texaco's back was to the ball" since the firm needed the announcement before the annual meeting.

The analyst said the Saudis would have paid another \$200 million to \$400 million if Texaco had held out.

Oil industry sources said Saudi Arabia, following Kuwait's footsteps in refining and selling its oil products in Europe, has been planning to enter downstream activities in Western Europe and the United States since 1986.

Nazer, quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency, said: "Texaco is the natural partner for Saudi Arabia because of the company's known experience in the refining industry in addition to the trained workers and labourers it has and its historic relationship with the kingdom."

He said this would serve Saudi

interests by providing a guaranteed outlet for its Arab light crude oil and was a good opportunity for the kingdom to participate in a beneficial commercial project.

Investments

Oil industry sources had expected Saudi Arabia to be one of the oil-producing nations involved not only because of Texaco's connections with the kingdom, but also because of the developing trend in the Gulf Arab states to spread out investments in guaranteed downstream oil facilities worldwide.

Neighbouring Kuwait was the first to take this step when it paid \$2.5 billion in 1981 to buy out leases held by Santa Fe International Corp., a US oil exploration and development company based in California. It also took over about 3,000 gas-filling stations and two refineries from the US company Gulf Oil in Scandinavian and Benelux countries.

Diversification

Kuwait's acknowledged aim was the diversification of sources of national income for the aftermath of the heyday of oil prices, which began falling in the early 1980's, and to guarantee outlets for crude oil production.

The Texaco venture would be the first for Saudi Arabia.

Drought brings India back to world food markets

NEW DELHI, June 17, (AP): More than a decade after India succeeded in growing enough food to feed itself, drought has forced the world's second most populous nation back to the international food markets.

The purchases have been small — a million metric tons of wheat from the United States and 500,000 tons of rice from Thailand — and are solely to replenish buffer stocks.

Underscore

It is the first time in five years that India has imported grain. But the purchases underscore the limits of the "green revolution" of the early 1970s and how reliant on the weather Indian remains.

Relentlessly ticking away in the background is the population bomb.

India's ability to feed itself is linked to curbing a population that has reached 800 million, is growing at a rate of 2.2 per cent a year and is expected to exceed China's population of 1.2 billion in the first half of the 21st century.

India's current food problems began last summer when the monsoon failed and devastating drought moved north into the principal farming states. As a

result, the winter rice crop was about 10 million tons less than that of the previous year.

When the rains did come, the wheat crop was in the fields. About 2 million tons was lost to water damage. The crop still was larger than the year before, but not enough to make up for the winter rice failure.

Shrunk

Thus, the government has used its food reserves, and those stocks have shrunk from 25 million tons last July to about 9.43 million tons at present, news and other reports say. A foreign agricultural specialist said there have been no reports of deaths.

The government's problem now is procuring enough of the wheat currently being harvested.

Because of the drawdown in national reserves, farmers — and to a larger extent private traders and flour millers — have been working to keep the wheat crop off the market to drive up prices.

The United News of India recently quoted Sukh Ram, Minister of State for Food and Supply, as warning middlemen about hoarding.

Hope now is focused on the life-bestowing monsoon due to hit New Delhi in late June. West-

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON

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NAME	LAST	LASHO	453.0
ABBEY LFE	328.0	LEGAL & GEN	303/0
ADT LTD	126/0	LONRHO	237/0
ALD LTDNS	431/0	LUCAS IND	530/0
ANSTRAD	200/0	MAGNET	239/6
ARGYL GP	195.0	MARKS & SP	174/0
ASDA CP	159.0	MAXWELL C	225/0
BAA	276/0	METAL BOX	215/0
BTB	267.0	NEPC	548.0
BAT INDNS	451.0	MIDLAND B&S	425/0
BARCLAYS	412.0	NEXT	261/0
BASS	810/0	NTH FOODS	302.0
BEAVER	178.0	P & O ODF	597.0
BECHAMS	470.0	PEARL	502/0
BERKSFORD	525.0	PEARSON	703/0
BICC PLC	326.0	PEPSI	111/0
BLUE ARR	19.38	PLESSEY	159/0
BLUE CIRC	417/0	PRUDENTIAL	158.0
BSC GP	405.0	RACAL	322/0
BPP INDNS	220.0	RANK HVIS	375.0
BR COMM	290.0	RANGE ORG	728.0
BR AIRM	255.0	RCKITTY-CO	900/0
BR AEROSP	145.5	REDLAND	435.0
BR GAS XG	392/0	REED	397.0
S.P.C. NEW	67.0	RYL BK SC	367/0
BR IELCOM	241/2	SCOT	400/0
BT TTOIL		SCOT	400/0
EUNZL	147/0	SCOT-NEW	330/0
BURNAH OL	578.0	SCOT-TRST	265/0
BURTON	229.0	SCOTT	210/0
CABLESBUR	372.0	SCOTT	210/0
CABDURYS	406/0	SAATCHI	373/0
COATS VIT	237.0	AUST REED	578/0
COMM UNI	402.0	SCOTT	300/0
CONS GOLD	973.0	SEDGEWICK	250/0
COOKSONS	273.0	SELL	143/0
COURTAULD	344/0	SHILL	667/0
DALGETY	325/0	SMITH IND	253/0
DEE CP	187/0	SMITH-HEPH	120.0
DIXONS	179.0	STC	74.22
ENG CHINA	445.0	STORENSE	265/0
ENTER OIL	451.0	TARMAC	255.0
FKI BASCK	125.0	TATE & LYLE	806.5
FERRANTI	82/0	TEASER	149.0
GEN ACCID	922/0	THORN EM	654/0
GEN ELEC	50.84	TRAF WSE	17.68
GLAXO	955.0	TSB	105/0
GRANADA	330.0	TRC OF SCO	578.0
GLOBE	141.0	TRELLIS	176/0
GLYNNED	470/0	TRUSTHSE	240/0
GRAND MET	515.0	TRUSTHSE	310.0
GUARD RYL	925/0	UNILEVER	467.0
GKN	518/0	UNIGATE	321/0
GUTHNESS	354/0	UPDR 81SC	259/0
HANSON A	619.0	UPDR 81SC	408/0
HANSON S	157.0	UPDR 81SC	408/0
HAKER SID	502.0	UPDR 81SC	408/0
HILLSDOM	74.72	UPDR 81SC	408/0
ICI	047.0	UPDR 81SC	408/0
IMI	210/0	WOOLWORTH	286/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-TR
FT 30 ORD	1472.6	1481.6	1485.6	1384.7
FT 500 SHR	1049.6	1049.6	1053.7	984.4
FT ALL SHR	965.71	962.26	965.71	870.22
FT GCV SEC	85.35	89.85	90.24	91.05
FT GOLD MN	215.2	221.2	221.8	257.3
FT MINES F	543.40	536.88	432.96	450.65
FT QSR	1869.6	1864.1	1768.7	1663.6
FT QSR DLR	131.76	132.38	131.92	128.44
FT WLD STG	109.86	109.86	101.83	90.79
FT WLD LOC	116.47	131.92	116.85	112.29

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES RECOVER AS NEW ACCOUNT STARTS
 LONDON, JUNE 17, REUTER - SHARE PRICES RECOVERED FROM THEIR LOWS ON THE DAY AS TRADING FOR THE NEW TWO-MONTH BUSINESS ACCOUNT STARTED AT 1430 GMT. DEALERS SAID.

A RISE ON WALL STREET HAD EARLIER BROUGHT LONDON PRICES BACK FROM THEIR MIDAFTERNOON LOWS. DEALERS SAID SPECULATION THAT BRITISH INTEREST RATES MIGHT HAVE TO RISE AFTER TODAY'S ECONOMIC FIGURES, WHICH SHOWED INCREASING U.K. INFLATION, UNDERTINED SENTIMENT AND DEPRESSED PRICES FOR MUCH OF THE SESSION. BY 1541 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS DOWN 11.6 POINTS TO 1,850.1. THE INDEX HAD SPENT MOST OF THE SESSION BELOW THE 1,850 LEVEL TOUCHING A DAY'S LOW OF 1,838.8 AT 1202 GMT.

THE MAT RETAIL PRICE INDEX, BRITAIN'S MAJOR INFLATION MEASURE, SHOWED A 0.4 PCT RISE, INDICATING A YEAR ON YEAR INFLATION RATE OF 4.2 PCT. THIS WAS SUBSTANTIALLY ABOVE MANY EXPECTATIONS OF A YEAR-ON-YEAR RATE OF 3.9 PCT. DEALERS SAID.

APRIL LABOUR COSTS AND INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT ANNOUNCED TODAY ALSO ROSE MORE THAN EXPECTED, ADDING TO CONCERN THAT INFLATIONARY PRESSURE IS BUILDING UP IN THE U.K. ECONOMY.

FIGURES YESTERDAY HAD DISCLOSED A RISE IN U.K. AVERAGE EARNINGS GROWTH AND A WIDENING IN THE PROVISIONAL FIRST QUARTER U.K. CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT. SHARE PRICES HERE THIS MORNING WERE WEAK ON THAT DATA, DEALERS SAID.

London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 17, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED A QUIET AND FAIRLY FEATURELESS DAY'S BUSINESS AT 450.00/450.25 DLRS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM A PREVIOUS CLOSE OF 452.70/453.20.

DEALERS SAID GOLD NEVER LOOKED LIKELY TO BREAK OUTSIDE A FAIRLY NARROW RANGE WITH BUSINESS LARGELY RESTRICTED TO SOME LIGHT PRE-WEEKEND BOOKSQUARING BY PROFESSIONALS.

SUPPORT WAS EVIDENT BELOW 450 DLRS WHILE SELLING EMERGED WHENEVER GOLD APPROACHED 451.50/452.00.

SMALL LOSSES ON CHICAGO SOYBEANS HAD A VERY LIMITED BEARISH INFLUENCE ON GOLD, WHICH HAD EASED OVERNIGHT IN THE U.S. IT HAD A MORNING SETTING OF 449.80 AND AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 450.25.

London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 17, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ENDED CLEARLY A 1/2 PERCENTAGE POINT RISE IN CURRENT 8-1/2 PCT BASE RATES, AFTER TALK OF INFLATION DOMINATED TODAY. MONETARY RATES HAD ALREADY RISEN BY UP TO 3/8 POINT IN A CONTINUING REACTION TO YESTERDAY'S WORSTING ECONOMIC DATA, WHEN TODAY'S BATCH OF FIGURES WAS RELEASED.

HIGHER THAN EXPECTED RISES IN BOTH THE RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ONLY HELPED CONFIRM THE MARKET'S BELIEF THAT RATES MUST RISE SOON, DEALERS SAID.

THE KEY THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE, THE BEST GUIDE TO TRENDS IN BASE RATES, WAS 5/16 POINT UP AT NIINE 8-7/8.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DME	FFR
1.7805/15	1.7530/35	5.9095/25	OPG
STG 1.7827/57	3.1210/45	10.5255/5370	NON
DME HOLIDAY			FIX
FFR 5.9065/9185	10.517/535	336.9/337.5	FIX
SFR 1.4555/4565	2.5955	85.08/19	24.64/67
NFL 1.9705	3.5060	112.35	33.315
ECU 1.18504	.665377	2.07737	7.00593
SDR 1.350%	0.755010	2.36401	CLOSE
YEN 125.80/90	224.26/57		NOON
SDR RATES	16/06/1988	OTHERS	17/06/1988

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	315.2	312.6	308.2	278.4
AUSTRIA	204.2	203.9	202.5	198.1
BELGIUM	380.3	376.5	374.6	365.7
CANADA	369.7	370.8	370.9	363.4
DENMARK	423.3	427.1	423.9	370.3
FRANCE	356.1	343.8	360.8	290.7
GERMANY	175.6	176.7	176.1	166.3
HONG KONG	1956.8	1962.1	1942.1	1823.7
FINNLAND	123.5	122.9	122.2	108.1
ITALY	385.7	381.4	380.1	404.7
JAPAN	1294.2	1296.1	1291.5	1269.3
NETHERLANDS	250.6	253.5	253.6	238.4
NEW ZEAL	99.4	98.8	97.9	98.9
NORWAY	487.7	495.7	494.8	475.2
SPAIN	269.8	263.2	260.3	252.1
SWITZ	156.0	156.5	155.4	147.2
U.K.	556.4	559.1	558.4	526.3
U.S.A.	320.0	252.0	251.8	236.0
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Gold dips as oil prices ease

Inflation worries hit London stock market

LONDON, June 17. (Reuters): Gold fell and the dollar held steady today as inflation worries eased in much of the world, but rising prices in Britain unsettled London markets.

And many dealers fear that because a continuing drought in the US Midwest threatens the grain crop, American food prices could rise enough to help rekindle inflation there.

But the slide in oil prices continued, cooling inflation worries elsewhere.

Sharply

The price of gold, a favoured hedge against inflation, fell sharply, and was fixed in London today at \$450.00 an ounce, down \$4.00 from yesterday afternoon. "Commodity prices and their influence on inflation are the only real factor at the moment," said a Swiss bullion dealer.

In Britain, the government reported retail prices rose more rapidly in May than most economists forecast.

Worries about inflation sent share prices tumbling, even before the government reported a 0.4 per cent rise in retail prices in May, about twice the average percentage forecast by economists.

Running

Retail prices were up 4.2 per cent on an annual basis. In April, inflation was running at a 3.9 per cent annual rate.

By Midday, London's FTSE

index of 100 blue chip British shares had dropped 21.7 points to 1,840.2 points.

The pound sterling was under pressure. It fell more than half a cent to dip below \$1.78 and shed about a penny to less than 3.12 West German marks.

The dollar was hardly changed at 1.7520 West German marks and 125.80 yen.

"People are now focusing on the currencies backed by strong economic fundamentals — such as Japan," said Naoki Ishii, manager at Mitsui Trust and Banking.

While the yen moved little, Tokyo shares jumped. The 225-share Nikkei average rose 195.14 points, or 0.69 per cent, to close at a record 28,342.46.

Economy

But rapid growth elsewhere is worrying investors. Many believe Britain's strong economy has caused a consumer spending spree that is pushing inflation up.

And traders are concerned that strong economic growth and a poor grain harvest could rekindle inflation in the United States.

Weaker oil prices may reduce that risk.

Oil prices started sliding after the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting countries this week agreed to extend its existing pricing and production agreement. Traders generally feel a worldwide glut of oil means prices will rise only if the organisations cuts

back production further.

Brent crude oil from the North Sea — a world benchmark, slipped another five cents to trade around \$15.40 a barrel for July delivery.

Stocks

Elsewhere, Paris' 50-share Bourse Indicator fell 0.04 per cent in quiet early trading, while Amsterdam's CBS All Share index slipped 0.2 to 88.9 and the All Share Swiss index eased 4.9 points to 853.3.

West German markets were closed for a public holiday.

Sydney's All Ordinaries index rose 1.3 points at 1,600.9 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index up 24.52 points at 2,718.02.

In New York, US financial markets were pressured yesterday by worries that interest rates were heading higher in Japan and West Germany and concern over another steep rise in Chicago Commodity Futures.

Decline

Wall Street dropped from its post-crash peak reached at the Wednesday close, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 20.98 points to 2,110.42 shortly before midday. Volume was modest at 69 million shares and declines led advances by better than two to one.

The bond market decline was even steeper as the key year bond skidded over a point, or \$11 for each \$1,000 of face value.

The combination of that intervention and increasing talk about higher interest rates overseas has taken the edge off the

driving its yield up to 8.94 per cent from 8.83 at Wednesday's close.

Oil prices eased but gold was steady.

The dollar opened at 1.7445 marks, down from 1.7540 at Wednesday's close, and at 125.80 yen versus 126.30.

Sentiment was dented by dollar selling by the Bundesbank, dealers said. Traders were reluctant to run counter to the Bundesbank; if it decides to keep trying to boost the mark's value.

A weak mark could push import prices in West Germany higher and fan inflation.

GNP

A West German newspaper that said the Bundesbank would raise its securities repurchase rate next Tuesday added to interest rate worries.

"People here were nervous about what the Bundesbank is going to do with its weakening currency next," said Osamu Fukusima, Tokyo assistant manager of Mitsui Trust and Banking Company.

In addition, news that the first-quarter Japanese Gross National Product raced ahead at an annualised 11.3 per cent rate stoked fears of tighter monetary policy.

"The combination of that intervention and increasing talk about higher interest rates overseas has taken the edge off the

dollar," said a dealer at a major US bank.

Another surge in US commodity futures prices also unnervered trading in stocks and bonds.

With dry weather continuing in the US farm region, agricultural commodities surged in Chicago. But a modest decline in oil futures tempered inflation concerns a bit.

In statements televised on the US Information Agency's satellite television system, US Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyle said: "In another 10 days or two weeks the drought will become almost a catastrophe if we don't get some relief."

But Federal Reserve Board governor Wayne Angell said raising its securities repurchase rate next Tuesday added to interest rate worries.

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Angell told the independent Bakers Association that commodity price increases must be kept in perspective and that a rise in one sector could stimulate greater supply and lead to eventual slower price growth.

Share prices ended at a record high in Japan after Wall Street's Wednesday gain. The Nikkei index rose 53.80 points or 0.19 per cent, to 28,147.32.

In London, shares were lower in late trading. The Financial Times/Stock Exchange was down 8.8 points to 1,860.5.

He said the final mix between commercial borrowing and project financing was still being

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Qatar may borrow to finance North Field gas project

DOHA, June 17. (Reuters): The Gulf state of Qatar may make its debut in the international financial markets and borrow up to \$600 million to help bring on stream huge untapped gas reserves, bankers and diplomats said.

The cash-strapped emirate, hit by weak world oil prices, is pushing ahead with its North Field offshore gas project in a first phase of development expected to cost \$1.3 billion.

"It makes a lot of sense for Qatar to borrow in the government's name as they might get a better deal," one banker said. "We believe financial advisers are recommending this."

Options

Bankers said state-owned Qatar General Petroleum Corp. (QGPC), responsible for the North Field project, and financial advisers First Boston Corp. were still working on options to finance the first phase of development.

But time is running out since drilling is due to start on August 15.

QGPC acting managing director Jaber Al Marri told Reuters in an interview on Tuesday: "We are thinking of asking for a loan, which is required by, say, early 1989."

He said the final mix between commercial borrowing and project financing was still being

liquids generated as a by-product from the first phase.

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A \$200 million bridging loan to be arranged by banks in the Gulf. Some bankers are sceptical, but others said some Bahrain and Qatar-based banks were working on the idea.

— Some of the 22 contracts to be awarded for the first phase might be financed by contractors. Although QGPC says financing in finance is not a precondition for winning a deal, contractors have been lining up bank finance before bidding.

— QGPC may fund some of the cost from 30,000 barrels per day of oil earmarked since the beginning of the year.

— We dedicated 30,000 barrels per day of oil (revenues) to cover the cost initially," Al Marri said.

Emerged

In the Gulf, only Oman has emerged as a major sovereign borrower. Bankers say Qatar has not raised funds directly in the government's name, using state-owned companies instead.

The last major borrowing was by Qatar Petrochemical Co. (QAPCO), an 84 per cent QGPC subsidiary which raised \$100 million through an eight-year loan in 1984.

Bankers said they believe Qatar may be reluctant to make a borrowing in the government's own name, preferring to borrow through QGPC.

Loan

Bankers said the most likely financing scenario would be:

— A \$500 — to 600-million sovereign credit. The sum may be raised through one deal or divided into a series of small loans parcelled out to international banks.

— One of the \$400 million project packages offered by oil companies, which would include the financing of equipment purchases in return for natural gas

UAE seeks production increase

Kuwait wants condensates included in quota

KUWAIT'S Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa said in a statement published yesterday his country would seek at OPEC's next meeting to have condensates included in oil production quotas, despite opposition from Venezuela, a leading condensate producer.

The UAE Oil Minister, Mana Saeed Otaiba reiterated yesterday that his country would push for an increase in its production quota at the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' meeting in Vienna in November.

Both statements indicated the next OPEC meeting may be stormy with several differences emerging among the 13 members.

The Kuwait Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali stressed: "We will stick to our output quota of 996,000 barrels a day until the end of the year in compliance with the recent OPEC agreement."

At a meeting that ended on Tuesday, the 13-nation OPEC agreed to maintain an overall production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels a day in an effort to preserve the current benchmark price of \$18 a barrel.

"Kuwait will not increase its production of gas liquids in excess of its output quota," he said.

He criticised Venezuela's definition of crude oil, excluding condensates. Condensates are

"Under no circumstances will Venezuela accept being subjected to pressures or threats of any kind," the Ministry said.

According to Venezuelan news reports, in 1987 Algeria was OPEC's leading condensate producer, with 355,000 barrels daily. Venezuela rated second, producing 150,000, and the UAE 135,000 barrels.

Otaiba, the UAE oil minister, spoke in Morocco where he was on a visit. His statement was also released in Abu Dhabi.

Concern

He said his country's quota of 946,000 barrels a day "does not concern the UAE — the just and official UAE quota is 1.5 million barrels per day."

It was not immediately clear if Otaiba's statement meant that the UAE plans to violate its OPEC-decreed quota before the November conference reviews the output figures.

Rearrange

Meanwhile, in Jakarta, new OPEC Secretary General Subroto, Indonesia's former energy minister, says he plans to revamp the OPEC Secretariat and tour all 13 members of the organisation when he takes up his post on July 1.

"As a first step, I will introduce myself to all OPEC members and meet their heads of government," he told reporters after securing the agreement of President Subarto to his appointment.

Never before has there been a secretary general that has a ministerial rank.

"We can view this as something that can give greater value to OPEC. In fact a secretary general should be a minister or an ambassador, because many of

his activities are diplomatic. So there needs to be a man who has wide diplomatic experience."

Asked if he could help in maintaining output discipline by members, he said he would try a flexible approach.

"Considering human relations and the fact that we are among colleagues, I believe the secretary general can be more flexible in approaching them."

"But there is no sanction that the organisation can impose (on those who flout quotas). With a personal approach, it is expected that they will understand and that they will work things out," Subroto added.

He said there needed to be a general improvements in the way OPEC was organised. "Relationships between the secretary general and the OPEC conference and the board of governors should be better formulated," he said without elaborating.

Maximum

He said he thought the OPEC conference in Vienna this week had secured done in the circumstances by agreeing a rollover of the previous output agreement.

"Looking at the situation, it seems that the meeting has come out with a maximum result. A rollover, if (what has been agreed) is really implemented, there may be a positive effect on prices, although price (recovery) is not as fast as it would be if there were a (new) production quota."

Few major initiatives will be taken

Summit leaders start gathering in Toronto

TORONTO, June 17. (Reuters): Security measures unprecedented in a city that prides itself on being one of the safest in North America greeted leaders arriving today for the first day of the Toronto economic summit.

Troops deployed at Pearson International airport to guard West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the first to arrive. Helicopters hovered over the downtown convention centre where the leaders will congregate.

Concerns about security intensified following news from Manila where a Japanese diplomat said a suspected member of the Japanese Red Army had been arrested and that he might have been setting up a base for an attack on the summit.

On Canadian Television, Kohl meanwhile endorsed the view of his host, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, that the regular summits of the seven leading non-communist industrial powers have turned into too much of a media jamboree with not enough real business.

"If thousands of people are meeting and heaps of paper are being produced which heads of government are unable to read, this doesn't make sense," he said.

The purpose is to meet and discuss things, not in big meetings, not by reading out long statements, but in a real exchange of views and opinions."

Promises

Mulroney is pressing for more informal sessions at this 14th economic summit since 1973 when President Valery Giscard D'E斯塔ing of France conceived the idea of regular summit "seminars" on economic and other global issues.

The official listed those developments as a rise in interest rates in the United States and other countries, a widening gap between German long-term and short-term rates, a climbing dollar, and a weakening West German mark.

This three-day summit, start-

ing on Sunday and President Reagan's last before he leaves office in January, promises few major initiatives although government officials say some action may be taken to alleviate the debt of the poorest sub-Saharan nations.

The United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, and Canada are the participants.

Kohl was questioned on the morning "Canada AM" television show, taped yesterday, about Mulroney's hopes that the summit will hasten progress towards dismantling subsidies paid to farmers in the European Economic Community, the United States and other affluent nations.

"We have a problem of over-production in the world and the European Economic Community. At the same time, we have starvation and famine in other parts of the world," Kohl said.

"But we are hopeful, we are confident that in three, four, five years we will have reduced production. What matters most is that we consult with each other," Kohl added.

Subsidies

Kohl, however, gave no hint that West Germans have adopted a more accommodating attitude towards US demands for an agreement to phase out all subsidies by the year 2000.

Subsidies are estimated to cost taxpayers and consumers in the affluent world at least \$100 billion a year while they create surpluses that weigh on world markets and depress prices to farmers in many poorer regions.

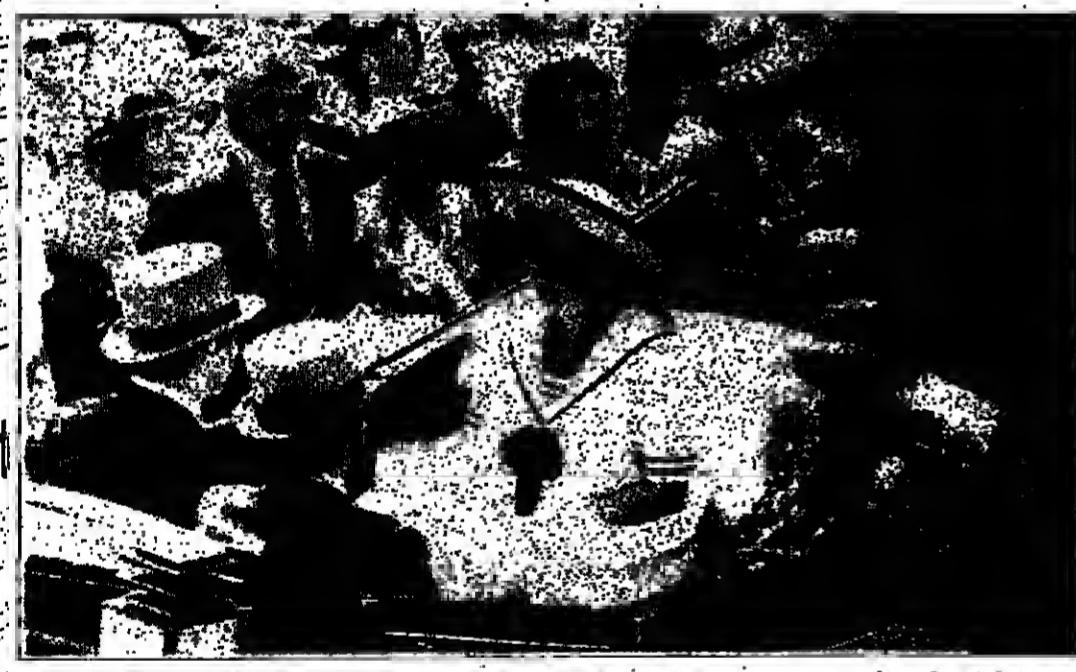
The United States and Britain favour faster cuts than West Germany and France, both with many small farmers forming a

IN FOCUS
The world today

RESIDENTS of northeast Denver watch as a tornado forms near the Denver airport on Wednesday. The tornado injured seven people and caused minor damage. (Reuter wirephoto)



SAUDI ARABIAN Crown Prince Abdullah (centre) with Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana at London's Kensington Palace, where the royal couple hosted a dinner for the Saudi visitor. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Duchess of York, who is expecting her first baby, wears a sailor's suit as she rides an open carriage at Royal Ascot, west of London on Wednesday. Beside her is her grandmother. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER British secret agent Peter Wright with a cheque for \$300,000 he received from his publishers as part of his royalty payments for the book *Spycatcher*. (Reuter wirephoto)



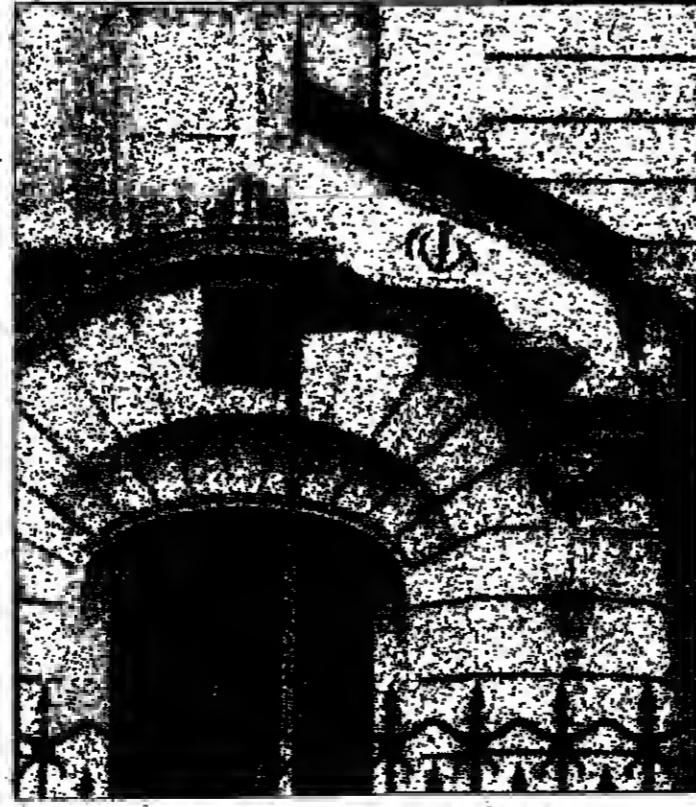
AMERICAN movie star Sylvester Stallone shaking hands with Japanese sumo wrestling grand champion Chiyonofuji (left) during a visit at a sumo stable in Tokyo yesterday. Stallone flew into Tokyo on Wednesday to promote his new movie, 'Rambo III'. (Reuter wirephoto)



MORE than 15,000 pigeons live freely at the Damascus Ommayyad mosque, one of the oldest Muslim shrines in the world. The pigeons feed on cereals consecrated by people who want their wishes to materialise. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORENSIC experts check through the rubble of the bomb blast that killed six British soldiers in Lisburn, near Belfast. Four soldiers died instantly when their van exploded in a ball of fire after they attended a charity run. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Iranian flag seen fluttering on Thursday after it was hoisted at its Paris embassy, for the first time in 11 months after the two countries restored diplomatic relations. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCHMAN Philippe Poupon celebrates his winning of the 1988 Carlsberg solo trans-Atlantic race. Poupon took 10 days, nine hours and 15 minutes to sail from Plymouth, England. (Reuter wirephoto)



ARGENTINA'S Gabriela Sabatini, dressed in a mini-skirt, dances with Roxy's mascot 'Mr Peabody' during the players' party for Pilkington Tennis championship. (Reuter wirephoto)



BLACK-CLAD South Korean police commandos demonstrate their anti-terrorist techniques and fire-power at a training camp in Seoul as they prepare for the Seoul Summer Olympics. (Reuter wirephoto)



PHILIPPINE Air Force Sergeant Henry Olealle is being pulled out of his jeep by police officers after suspected communist hitmen on Thursday gunned him down in front of a market in the Manila suburb of Caloocan. Olealle was the third law officer shot by alleged communist assassins in the Manila area last week. (Reuter wirephoto)

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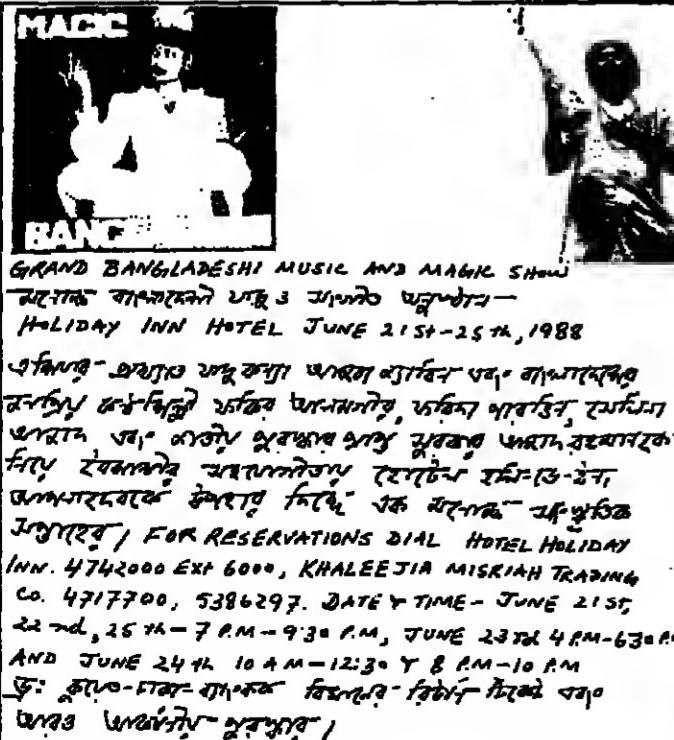
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SPORTS**Pistons outclass Lakers**

PONTIAC, Mich., June 17. (Reuter): The Detroit Pistons overcame a red-hot Lakers' start to score a 104-94 win over Los Angeles yesterday and move within one victory of the National Basketball Association Championship.

Los Angeles rushed out to a 12-lead at the start but Detroit maintained their poise and battled back defensively to take three games to two lead in the best-of-seven series.

Assists

Adrian Dantley led the Pistons with 25 points and Joe Dumars had 19, while star playmaker Isiah Thomas scored 15 and contributed eight assists despite an ailing back.

"We picked up our defensive intensity — even when they got off to a foot, we never were worried," said Thomas. Detroit have held opponents to under 100 points in 14 of the last 17.

The series now returns to Los Angeles where the Lakers need to sweep games six and seven, on Sunday and Tuesday if necessary, if they are to become the first title holders to repeat as champions since the 1968-69 Boston Celtics.

For the Lakers, 41-year-old centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had 26 points and Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 15 with 17 assists.

Los Angeles scored the game's first dozen points and led 15-2 before Detroit ran off a 13-4 spurt to get back into it.

The Lakers led 30-27 after the first quarter but the Pistons took control in the next 12 minutes, outscoring the Lakers 32-20 as only Johnson and Jabbar scored for the visitors.

Led

At the end of three quarters, despite a furious Los Angeles rally, the Pistons still led 81-75.

James Worthy, who had gone out midway in the first quarter with three quick fouls, returned to spark the rally, but Worthy's foul trouble limited his playing time and he finished with just 14 points.

In the final quarter, the Lakers were visibly tired and never got closer than eight points.

"We have put an awful lot of pressure on the Lakers," said Thomas. "They have to win the two at home and I don't think they can do it."

Los Angeles coach Pat Riley blamed the fouls.

Attack

The key was both Worthy and (AC) Green getting into foul trouble early. When Worthy's out in there our attack becomes a half-court, walk-the-hall-up type of game. Jabbar was wonderful but we have to keep Worthy in the game."

Pistons coach Chuck Daly wants to go for a quick kill.

Baseball games

NEW YORK, June 17. (Reuter): Results of the American and National League games played yesterday (only games scheduled):

American League

Kansas City	9	Oakland	5
California	3	Texas	0
Baltimore	8	Boston	4
Toronto	13	Detroit	5
Chicago	3	Milwaukee	1

National League

Atlanta	9	Los Angeles	2
Houston	7	Cincinnati	4

He said the state network RTM had failed to honour its commitment to broadcast last Saturday's international meeting in Casablanca where he tried to better his two-mile record.

The RTM pays huge sums to broadcast international football and tennis events ... but it did not cover our event which had international athletics stars like Steve Cram and Calvin Smith," he told Al Alam.

In an interview published by the Rabat daily Al Alam, Aouita, who holds world records at 1,500, 2,000 and 5,000 metres and two miles, said: "I will not take part in any future competitions in Morocco."

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Saturday's competition, the first of its kind in Morocco, coincided with the return of King Hassan from the Arab summit in Algiers which was covered live by RTM. But RTM did not screen the athletics event later in the day.

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Eastbourne tennis

EASTBOURNE, England, June 17. (UPI): Martina Navratilova reached the final of the \$250,000 Eastbourne women's tennis tournament today, lining up a rematch with Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva, who ousted her from the French Open three weeks ago. Navratilova looked relaxed and confident as she downed American 16-year-old Mary Joe Fernandez 6-2, 6-3 in their semifinal match, while Zvereva was taken to three sets by Frenchwoman Pascale Paradis, winning 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

Ascot races

ASCOT, England, June 17. (Reuter): Veteran Willie Carson took the riding honours on the final day of the four-day Royal Ascot meeting today. Carson, 46, landed the big race double on Almaird in the Hardwicke Stakes (6-1) and Chilibang (16-1) in the King's Stand Stakes.

Soj voyage

GWEEK, England, June 17. (AP): British adventurer Geoff Cooper set off today on a renewed attempt to become the first person to row a boat solo around the world.

Tennis legends

BARCELONA, Spain, June 17. (UPI): Tennis legends Ken Rosewall of Australia and American Dennis Ralston are among the veterans signed to play in a Grand Masters tournament this week, organizers said yesterday.

Pakistan win

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 17. (AP): Pakistan defeated Canada 5-2 yesterday in the 11th preliminary match of a pre-Olympic hockey tournament at the City Park stadium.

World records

PEKING, June 17. (Reuter): Chinese weightlifters set three world records as they swept all six flyweight and bantamweight gold medals on the first day of the Asian Championships in Xilong yesterday.

QPR held

TAEJON, South Korea, June 17. (Reuter): A late equaliser by striker Michael Ohi earned Nigerian team Ibadan a 1-1 draw with English First Division side Queen's Park Rangers in their opening President's Cup soccer match today.

Rugby Test

Buenos Aires, June 17. (Reuter): France and Argentina both begin a new Rugby Union era when they clash in the first Test here tomorrow.

Olympic torches

SYDNEY, Australia, June 17. (AP): Runners bearing Olympic torches are to light a chain of bonfires stretching 10,000 miles around the continent's coastline in a blazing tribute to Australia's bicentennial.

S. African boxer

DURBAN, South Africa, June 17. (Reuter): South African boxer Brian Barone, in a coma since being knocked out in a fight on Tuesday, is brain-dead but his family want him kept alive on life-support systems, a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

Henley Regatta

LONDON, June 17. (AP): British Olympic gold medalists Andy Holmes and Steve Redgrave lead a record entry of 386 for the Henley Royal Rowing Regatta starting on June 30, organizers said yesterday.

Brazilian team

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, June 17. (AP): The Brazilian Soccer Confederation on Wednesday named a team of 20 players who will travel to Australia, Norway, Sweden and Austria for exhibition games over the next two months.

Togo withdraw

ZURICH, June 17. (Reuter): Togo have pulled out of the preliminary competition for the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament in Italy, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday.

Major operation

TOKYO, June 17. (Reuter): Japanese police said today they will mount a major operation to protect foreign athletes practising here for the Seoul Olympic against possible terrorist attacks.

Uruguayan star

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (Reuter): Uruguay's World Cup soccer defender Nelson Gutierrez will join Italian Second Division side Lazio in the latest move of an overhaul at Argentine giants River Plate, the Buenos Aires club said yesterday.

W. INDIES HIT BACK AFTER BEING DISMISSED FOR 209

Six-wicket Marshall routs England

LONDON, June 17. (Reuter): Malcolm Marshall showed again today why he is regarded as the best fast bowler in the world with a six-wicket haul that destroyed England's first innings and put West Indies in command of the second Test at Lord's.

In 10 overs in the afternoon, he took five wickets at a personal cost of only 13 runs as England plunged to 165 all out, 44 behind West Indies' first innings 209.

By close of play on a day shortened by several stoppages for bad light, West Indies had scored 16 without loss in their second innings with Gordon Greenidge on 12 and Desmond Haynes four.

Swept
England lost their last eight wickets for 53 runs, their last seven for 36, as Marshall swept aside the brittle batting with a masterly display of quick bowling.

His dismissal of opener Graham Gooch best illustrated the Barbadian's superb control.

After Gooch had doggedly reached 44 after more than three hours at the crease, he was beaten by an away swinger and lucky not to touch.

The next ball Marshall pitched in exactly the same spot, but this



Marshall: one-man demolition squad

time the ball moved in off the seam to confound Gooch entirely and bowl him between bat and pad.

That left England on 129 for four and none of the remaining batsmen were able to stop the rot.

Marshall, who had taken the wicket of England's other opener Chris Broad for nought the previous evening, quickly added those of Allan Lamb, Paul Downton, Paul Jarvis and Graham Dilley and in doing so took five

or more wickets in a Test innings for the 17th time in his career.

His one-man demolition job also halted England in their tracks as they appeared poised to take a useful first innings lead following Dilley's five for 55 on the first day.

Although Martyn Moxon, was caught by captain Viv Richards in the slips for 26 off Curly Ambrose in the morning session, England passed the century mark for the loss of only two wickets and looked set to overtake the West Indies total.

Gooch, scorer of over 1,000 runs in 10 first-class innings this season, became bogged down against the all-pace attack, but David Gower flashed 20 runs from his first 13 deliveries.

However his dismissal by Courtney Walsh for 44 to make the total 112 for three signalled a dramatic change in fortunes.

Gooch followed 17 runs later and the lengthy England tail offered no further resistance.

Marshall wrapped up the innings in style, having Jarvis caught at mid-on for seven off a slower ball and then bowling last man Dilley with a wicked delivery that clipped the top of the off stump.

That left Marshall poised on a

hat-trick when England begin their second innings, a fact that will hardly escape Broad when he returns to the crease facing a pair."

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 209
(G. Logie 81, J. Dujon 53, G. Dilley 54; S. G. Small four for 64)

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 20 for one)

G. Gooch b Marshall 44

C. Broad lbw b Marshall 0

M. Moxon c Richards b Ambrose 26

D. Gower c and b Walsh 46

A. Lamb lbw b Marshall 10

D. Pringle c Dujon b Walsh 1

P. Downton lbw b Marshall 11

J. Emburey b Patterson 7

G. Small not out 5

P. Jarvis c Haynes b Marshall 7

G. Dilley b Marshall 0

Extras (lb-6 nb-2) 8

Total (all out) 165

Fall of wickets: 1-13 2-58 3-112 4-

129 5-134 6-140 7-153 8-157 9-165

Bowling: Marshall 18-5-32-4, Patterson 13-3-52-1, Ambrose 12-1-39-1, Walsh 16-6-36-2.

WEST INDIES second innings

G. Greenidge not out 12

D. Haynes not out 4

Extras 0

Total 16

Bowling to date: Dilley 3.2-0-13-4, Small 3-0-3-0.

Chappell resigns as Australian selector

MELBOURNE, June 17. (Reuter): Former Australian cricket captain and selector Greg Chappell today said he would cut formal ties with the game in protest at archaic administrators with too little commercial or sporting expertise.

"I was beating my head against a brick wall and not getting a great deal of satisfaction from doing it," the 39-year-old Queenslander told a news conference in Melbourne.

He said he was resigning as Australian selector and from the Queensland Cricket Association (QCA).

Bitter

"I'm sad for the game of cricket. We're not going forward as fast as we could. But I'm not bitter at all," he said. "Perhaps me withdrawing might make people sit up and take notice that there are things that should be changed."

Chappell said he regretted being unable to reform cricket administration but said contact between players and administrators had improved in his time.

New Zealand in 1981.

"I made a decision on the spur of the moment. I realised it was the wrong decision," he said today. "But I can live with it. I don't have the power of changing those sorts of things so there's no point worrying about it."

Chappell last year became only the third former captain (behind Joe Darling and Sir Donald Bradman) to be elected to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) in its 83-year history.

An eight handicap golfer, Chappell said he aimed to improve his game and spend more time with his family and in his real-estate management business.

He said he had no plans to follow his brother and fellow former Test cricketer Ian to television, and did not discount the chance of returning to cricket administration later.

"I am not walking away from the game of cricket. I still have a great love of the game and I would like to keep in touch, but I am not prepared to put in the time and effort that I have been."

Loss

Chappell had been tipped to follow Malcolm Gray as ACB chairman and Gray told reporters the board deeply regretted the loss of Chappell as a board member.

"Greg has made a magnificent contribution to Australian cricket for more than two decades and I thank him for that," Gray said. "We hope that in the future he may be entitled back to share his cricket knowledge and management skills."

Waugh hammers ton

LONDON, June 17. (Reuter): A West Indies proposal that cricketers who in future play or coach in South Africa should be banned from touring may be shelved for the second year running.

The resolution is on the agenda for the next International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting at Lord's on July 6 and if passed threatens to cause a rift between the black and white playing nations.

But the issue is proving a legal and political minefield and may not be voted upon until 1989.

ICC secretary John Stephen

son disclosed yesterday that the implications of the proposal were causing a great deal of soul-searching among member countries.

Missed

Only one or two of the ICC's 29 members honoured Monday's deadline for giving their views ahead of next month's meeting.

A sticking point for the ICC

is whether to take an ultra-cautious stand to avoid the eventual decision being challenged in the courts.

Cricket's world governing body is unsure whether to allow each country a free vote or to grant founder members England and Australia the right to a veto.

The English Cricketers' Association — the players' trade union — has already voted 85-0 to oppose restrictions on South African links.

Batted

Waugh took over after Somerset had slipped to 62 for three, moving to his hundred from 200 balls. He eventually batted 267 minutes and faced 258 balls, hitting 13 fours and six sixes before playing on to Andy Clarke.

Sussex ended on 12 for one and with one day to play, are 56 ahead.

Another Australian, Terry Alderman, was in good form with the ball for Gloucestershire, leaving Warwickshire 81 all out in their first knock, 206 to win. At the close they were 112 for two.

Second placed Kent looked set for their fifth victory of the season. After gaining a first innings lead of 53 over Lancashire at Tunbridge Wells they reduced the visitors to 90 for five.

Essex were 41 for one at the close. Wickets again fell cheaply at Headingley as bottom club Yorkshire were bowled out for only 123 in their second innings, leaving Warwickshire 81 all out in their first knock, 206 to win. At the close they were 112 for two.

Among his victims were Australian Test captain Allan Border as Essex, saved from complete disaster by Alan Liley (80 not out) and Don Topley (44), made 188. Following on 192 behind,

Construction Management Position Opening

In the event this is exactly what happened, Sulayem hit gearbox problems in the very first stage of leg 3. This was replaced, but he arrived at the next time control late and incurred a one minute penalty. Once again he was experiencing traction problems with the Toyota Celica Twincam turbo, and he found himself frustrated at the car's lack of grip. "I used hardly any tyres," he complained. "I wish we could use more -- with good traction the tyres wear out quicker."

Al Hajri came back to take the lead, with some very speedy driving, but unfortunately his multitude of troubles was not yet over. He suffered the same type of blown tyre as Llewellyn, losing his wing, and with it, protection from the dust. Rothmans team mechanics tried to patch it up as best they could, but it was clear that visibility inside the car was poor and that the Qatari's

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